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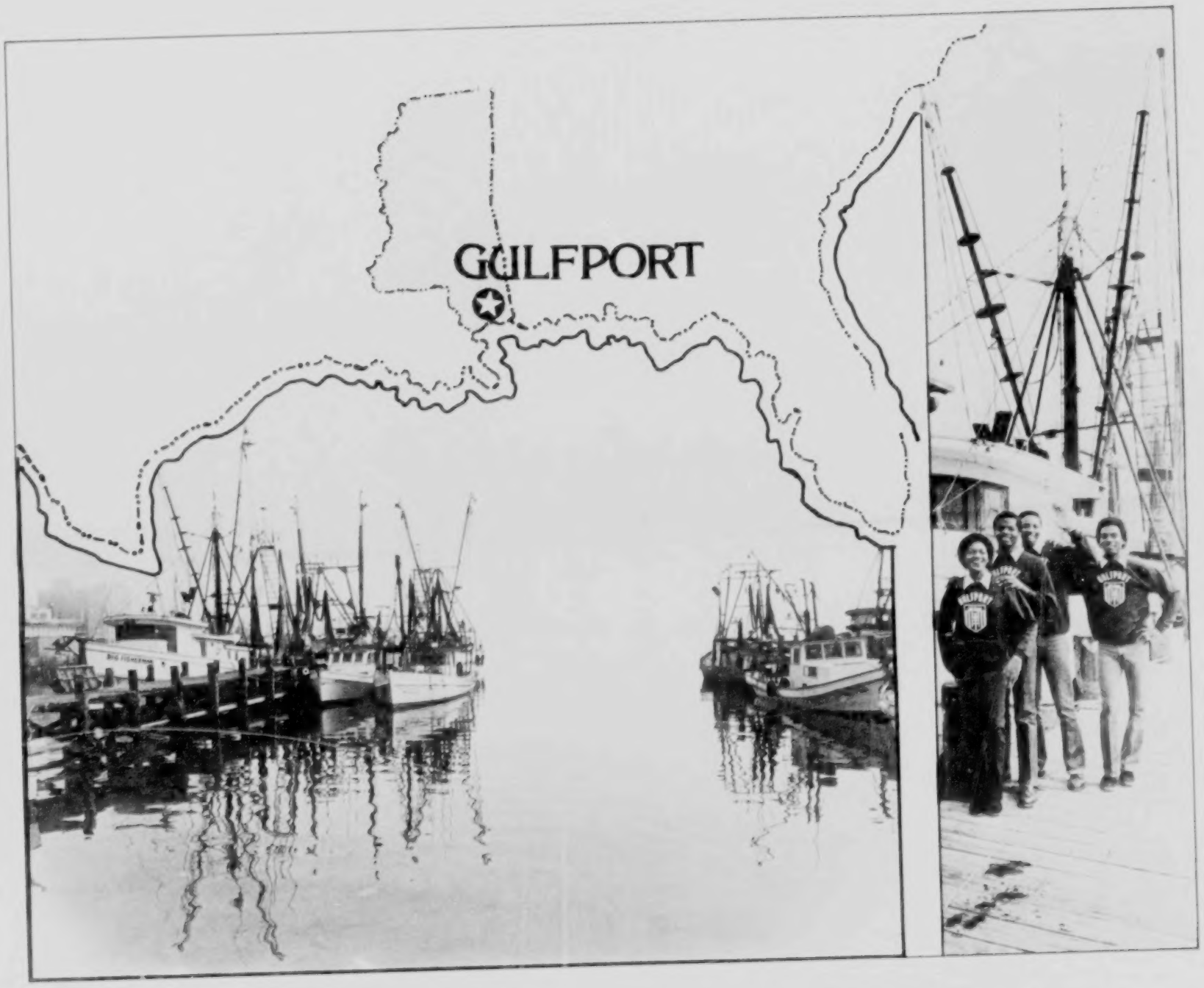


Gulfport JCC: A Corpsmember Port of Call

The shrimpboats of Gulfport, Miss., are a short walk from the Gulfport JCC. Student Government leaders (above right) are Bessie Smith, Bobby Kelly, Jimmy Smith, and Elijah Thompson. *(Photos on pages 1-5 are by Marianne Keffer.)*

At right, Gulfport tour guides (from upper left) Bobby Kelly, Jimmy Smith, Elijah Thompson, and Bessie Smith say that the Friendship Oak would make a good dorm—for squirrels, that is.

Below, Elijah Thompson shows how one lines up the power saw.

Above, Eugene Yates likes to dress up his Center uniform with a bow tie.

At left, carpentry trainees David Towner (left) and Louis Frost level a footing for the cabana.

Gulfport JCC: A Corpsmember Port of Call

A "port of call" is a port where ships stop for supplies or repairs during their travels. In a way, the Gulfport JCC is a port of call for its 280 Corpsmembers. It's their port for education and training for the future. According to plumbing trainee Jimmy Smith, Gulfport is the right port for him. "It's given me the chance to get the training I need for a good job," he says.

Gulfport JCC is located in Gulfport, Miss., on the Gulf of Mexico, about 80 miles east of New Orleans, La. The surrounding city and coastline are an attraction for tourists. The Center staff know this, so a Center tour includes the sites along the Gulf coast.

Center tour guides are Student Government officers Jimmy Smith, Bessie Smith, Bobby Kelly, and Elijah Thompson. They dress for the part in matching Center uniforms—jeans, light blue shirts, and navy sweatshirts that advertise Gulfport JCC. "There's so much to see around here," says Jimmy, who is student government president. The tour bus is a Job Corps van driven by Center Director E. M. Brennan. Dr. Brennan says that Gulfport is home port for a fleet of shrimp boats that fish the Gulf of Mexico waters. The city also has a large computerized port for cargo ships. "The Mississippi Sound is a good port because the waters are protected by barrier islands," says Brennan.

"When you eat a banana, think of Gulfport," says SGA adviser Charles Harris. "Almost all the bananas that come into the country arrive here." Harris knows all about the banana business. "I spent 8 years working on the docks," he says.

The beach is a short distance from the Center. "We can walk to the beach," says Bobby Kelly.

The Drive to Biloxi

Moving on, the van turns east on highway 90, a road overlooking the wide sandy beaches of the sound. "It's a beautiful drive to Biloxi," says Bessie Smith, a clerical trainee who grew up in Gulfport but spent several years in Washington, D.C. "We'll soon be coming to my dream house," she adds.

Overlooking the water are large residences; some, almost mansions. "There it is,"

Plumbing trainees (from left) Anthony Alford, Edward McPipe, and Johnnie Mays practice threading pipe.

says Bessie, pointing to a large brick house with a curved, outside staircase. "I've always thought that that staircase would be the perfect place for a wedding."

Elijah Thompson's favorite house is "Beauvoir," the home of Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederacy, which is also on the coast highway. "The Center takes field trips there," Elijah says.

In the bus, the Corpsmembers tell about the Center. Bessie is one of about 70 nonresidential students. "I was in Washington, D.C., but had to come home because my mother was sick," she says. "Job Corps gave me the opportunity to improve my typing for a better job while I live at home."

Although most of the Gulfport students come from Mississippi, some are from surrounding States. Jimmy, for example, comes from Houston, Texas. "I've enjoyed coming to the Center," he says.

On the way back to the Center, the van makes one last stop at the Gulfport campus of the University of Southern Mississippi. "We want you to see the Friendship Oak," says Jimmy.

Friendship Oak is worth the trip to Gulfport. It is a mammoth water oak that scientists believe is almost 500 years old. "This should make a good picture," says Jimmy, perching on one of its enormous branches.

Below, taking a ride for fresh cement is Dennis Gates. Larry Taylor is doing the pushing.

Back to the Center

Visitors to Gulfport would do well to put the Center on their list of tourist attractions. Not only will they see some excellent training, they'll see how three city public schools were joined to create a very functional Job Corps Center. "They did a beautiful job in turning my old elementary school into a dorm," says Bessie.

A tour of some of the classrooms shows that, although Gulfport is a fun place to visit, training on Center is serious business. Students can select from nine trades, including welding, carpentry, masonry, plumbing, and electrical as well as nurse assistant, medical assistant, ward clerk, and business and clerical.

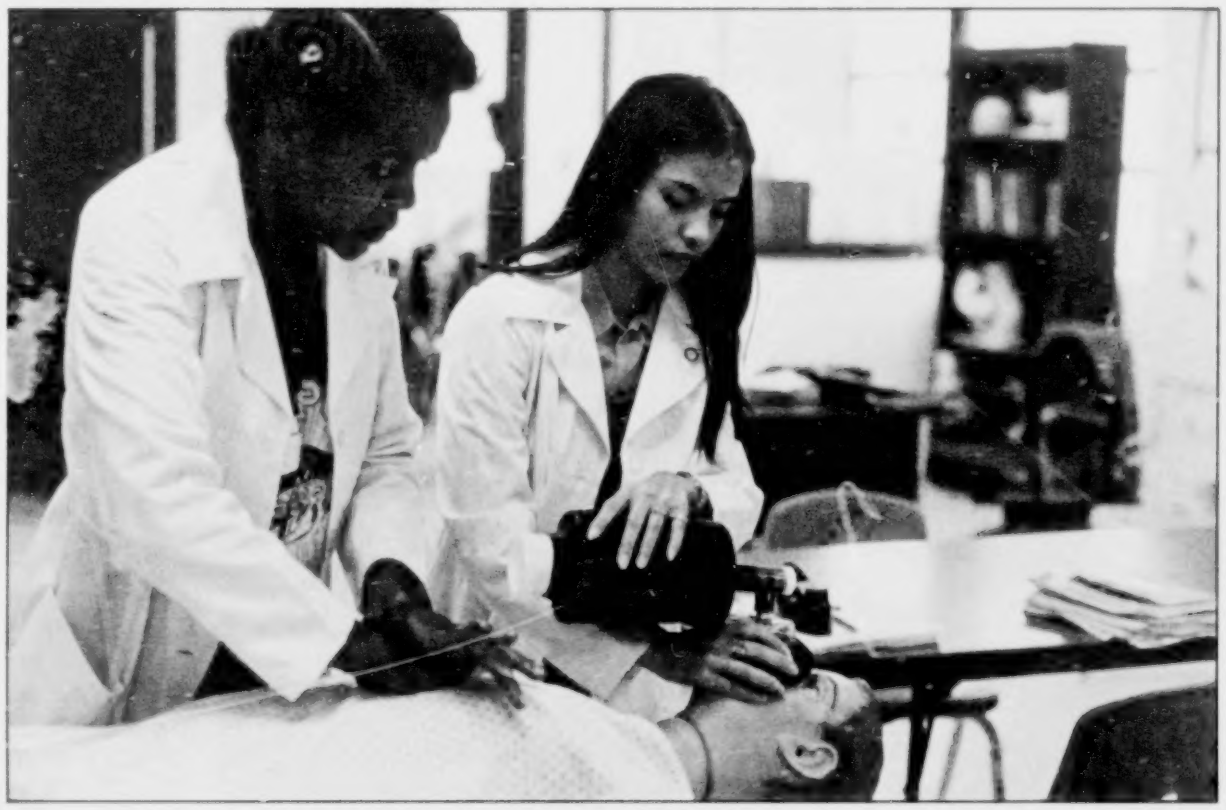
Nurse Assistant

Trainees Rhonda Little and Maria Hubler demonstrate the use of an amber bag to

At left, masonry trainee Winfred Jones cuts bricks for a project.

At right, ward clerk trainee Mamie Harris checks a patient file.

At left, medical assistant trainee Sandy Curtis (right) pretends to give an injection to Bobby Kelly. Watching Sandy's technique is Instructor Judy Verrett.



Nurse assistant trainees Rhonda Little (left) and Maria Hubler try to resuscitate a classroom dummy.

resuscitate a classroom dummy. "We'd have to give him mouth-to-mouth resuscitation if we didn't have the bag," says Maria.

Nearby, Jeanetta Streeter says that she's suffering from a very serious imaginary burn on her leg. Maggie Johnson bandages it for her. Annie Black, in bed, has her temperature taken by Teresa Johnson, and Brenda Jackson moves Deborah Dixon from a bed to a wheelchair and straps her in with a posey restraint.

Instructor Marilyn Norris says that good nursing assistants are in demand. "This training generally takes about 6 months," Norris says. "Students go through 11 sections on anatomy and physiology and 15 sections on nursing arts." Another requirement for Gulfport nursing grads is passing a course in first aid. "Having first aid is a real plus in getting a job," Norris says.

Ward Clerks and Medical Assistants

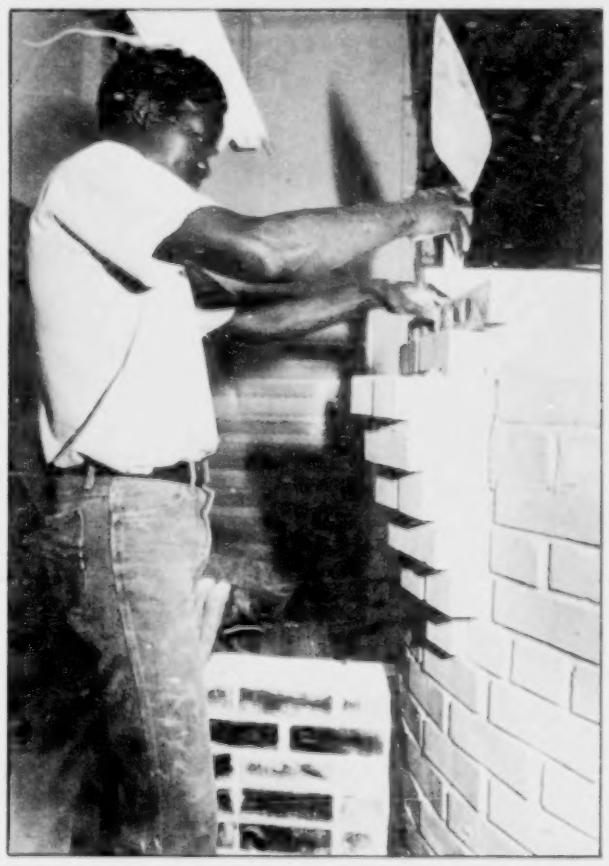
Bobby Kelly says that he likes his medical assistant training. "We learn typing and recordkeeping as well as taking blood pressure and giving shots," Bobby says. Trainee Sandy Curtis pretends to give Bobby an injection. "If it's done right, it shouldn't hurt," she says.

Ward clerk training is in the same classroom. Patricia Carbs says that she's learning the importance of keeping good patient records—the reason for the paperwork on a hospital ward. Typing, filing, and learning medical terminology are part of her training.

The Carpenters

Carpentry trainees Edward James, Louis Frost, and David Towner are installing the footings for a cabana in the Center courtyard. Elijah says that carpenters have completed many projects on Center. "We're the ones they call on when something needs to be done," he says.

Besides the cabana, trainees are installing floor molding in the arts and crafts room and working on individual projects. Valerie Linson, for example, is finishing framing in a tiny house. "I still have to put on the roof before I move in," she says with a smile.



Above, Electrical Instructor Shell Saunders tells trainee Gwen Nichols the best way to wire a kitchen.

At right, carpentry trainee Valerie Linson says her house needs a little work before she moves in.

Far right, masonry trainee Dennis Gates adds a course to a curved, corner fireplace.

The Welders

Gulfport welding trainees are a lucky bunch. Not only is the city located near the Pascagoula shipyards that employ many welders, but the shop on Center would make many welding instructors green with envy. It is large, cheerful, and packed with equipment.

Trainee Robert Tyson is soon going on work experience. "I've been here 11 months," he says, "and I'm glad I came for this training." Robert says that he has learned gas, arc, and MIG and TIG welding in the course.

Other students are busy at various machines. Cindy Phelps is at the grinder cleaning metal. Ted Powell is gas welding, and Charles Johnson is using a wire brush to polish a weld. "They keep us working in here," says Robert.

The Brick Masons

Masonry trainees Dennis Gates and Larry Taylor are working on a spectacular project—a curved, corner fireplace, using bricks in two colors. "Believe it or not," says Dennis, "as soon as we finish it, we'll start tearing it down."

Instructor David Reiter designed the fireplace. "Although it looks large," says Reiter, "it only takes up a small amount of space."

Also under construction are veneer walls, arches, and other projects. Outside, a student is adding to a brick walkway. "Most masonry jobs in this area are residential," says Reiter. "Fireplaces are a big item these days because of energy costs," he adds.

The Student Government

The Student Government has its own office in a room off the gym. Bessie says that the organization plays an important role on Center. "I see us as the voice of the student body," she says. "We sponsor programs in the gym, such as game shows, dances, and other things." Jimmy adds that the Student Government also organizes trips to such events as wrestling matches and sports events at the colosseum, nearby.

There is a feeling at Gulfport ICC that students and staff really work together to make it a port of call no one should miss. Elijah says it best: "The first day I walked through the front door of the Center, I saw all the people and the training that could help me. It's small and friendly here. I like it."

Far left, welding trainee Cindy Phelps gets ready to use the cutting torch.

At left, nurse assistant trainee Brenda Jackson shows how to use the posey restraint. Her patient is Deborah Dixon.

At left, KP duty isn't so bad, say (from left) Larry Taylor, Peggy Bean, and Brooksie Sutton.

Below, Bessie Smith relaxes in front of Friendship Oak.

At right, electrical trainee Davie Robinson wires a service box.

At right, cement masonry trainee Anthony Verrett pushes cement with a tool called a comealong.

Far right, cement masonry trainee Stevie Glass puts the finishing touches on a practice walk.

Carpentry trainees (from left) Deborah Whiting, Troy Parker, and William Cray position a sheet of drywall.

Shop Talk: Potomac JCC Style

Last month, *Happenings* visited Gallery 1000, Potomac (D.C.) JCC's Corpsmember restaurant. This month, *Happenings* looks at Potomac's NAHB trades of cement masonry, brick masonry, and carpentry as well as air conditioning and refrigeration and the Child Development Center.

Cement Masons

It is a cold, wet day at Potomac JCC, but masonry trainees Robert Woodrup and Fernandez Halliburton don't let a little rain keep them from practicing their trade. They're working inside the shop and "braving the elements" in the practice box.

The practice box is a large rectangle, about 10 by 12 feet, located in a corner of the shop. The box is filled with what looks like concrete. "It's really a mixture of lime, sand, and water," says trainee Jeremiah Dinkins, who is acting shop foreman.

Jeremiah says that many masonry jobs call for laying concrete over large areas. "You have to be able to use the bullfloat and all the other tools," says Jeremiah, "or you might as well get into another trade."

First, Robert and Fernandez drag a long board across the box to establish a grade and level for the concrete. At the same time, trainee Anthony Verrett uses a tool that looks a lot like a hoe to push concrete where it's needed. "This tool is called a comealong," he says.

Jeremiah then shows how to smooth the concrete with the bullfloat before trowels and smaller floats are used to finish it. "This trade demands hard work," says Jeremiah, "but if you want to make the money, you have to do the work right."

At the other end of the shop, Reginald Humphrey and Tyrone Allsup are on a scaffold applying a finishing coat of cement to a window opening they recently closed up. "This is our fourth layer of cement," says Reginald.

Tyrone says that jobs like enclosing the window are easy for him now. "I've accomplished a lot in this trade," he says.

Brick Masons

There are a dozen or more projects underway in the brick masonry shop. Brick and block walls are going up. A chimney is almost complete. Ronnie Goldring is studying blueprints of his project. "I'm building two piers with an arch, following the blueprints," he says. "Reading and understanding blueprints is a part of our training."

At right, air conditioning and refrigeration trainees Peggy West (left) and Denise Green confer on a project.

Below, Gerard Webb makes green pepper and milk soup in the Child Development Center play kitchen.

Above, cement masonry trainee Jeremiah Dinkins smooths concrete with the bull float.

Nearby, Greg Evans adds the last course to the top of a chimney. "These bricks are called soldiers," he says, "because we lay them straight up in a row."

Greg and Ronnie are two of Potomac's advanced masonry trainees. They recently competed at Job Corps Expo and will soon be graduated from the Center.

Kenneth Mack recently joined the program. "I'm practicing spreading mortar," he says. "I really am glad I got into this trade, and I'm going to work as hard as I can," Kenneth says.

Instructor Curtis Thomas checks a veneer wall that Howard Raleigh is adding to an 8-inch block wall. "You have to remember that a building breathes like you do," Thomas tells Howard. "It takes 10 years for a building to settle on its foundation footing. You have to have that half-inch air space between the block and brick," he says.

Carpentry

Carpentry trainees are trying to install a sheet of drywall before the call to lunch. The wall is marked for screws and a window opening. Deborah Whiting, Troy Parker, and William Cray carry the wall from the workshop to the metal frames where it is to be installed.

"The wall won't be permanent," says Instructor Fisher. "We'll use the frames to practice drywall construction."

Lasenia Byrd installs screws with an electric drill, while Eugene Campbell cuts out the eye-level window with a saw. In no time at all, the wall is secure and the roughed-in window cut out.

"This is only a little project," says Troy, who has been in the carpentry program for 5 months. "We've built cabinets, installed new doors in the infirmary, and built two hallways to the dorms."

Air Conditioning/Refrigeration

There are enough old refrigerators and air conditioners in the Potomac air conditioning and refrigeration shop to cool the State of Florida. "We work on water coolers and heaters, too," says trainee Ernest Ingram.

Peggy West says that her trade requires a lot of skills. "We have to know wiring and how to connect refrigerant lines," she says. "Right now, I'm soldering copper pipe."

Meanwhile, Juan Holman is wiring a thermostat in a freezer and Willie Mitchell is checking refrigerant in another. "Why are you all wearing coats and hats?" the reporter asks. "It gets pretty cold in here," answers a chorus of trainees.

The Child Development Center

Four-year-old Gerard Webb just got up from a nap. Some of the other children are still sleepy, but not Gerard. "I'll fix you lunch," he says. He walks over to a child-sized play stove and puts a plastic green-pepper into a metal pot. Not satisfied, he takes a milk carton from a little refrigerator and pretends to add some milk. "I'll let it cook awhile," he says.

Above, brick masonry trainee Ronnie Goldring edges the joints on a brick pier.

In a few minutes, Gerard joins the other children for a real snack—milk, apples, and salad. Corpsmembers Marie O'Boyle and Susan Hines sit with the children and talk to them during the snack. They are among 23 Corpsmembers who are training to become licensed child care workers. "I've only been here a week," says Marie, "but I like it a lot."

Snacks finished, Susan takes several children into a classroom with an indoor slide, and Marie takes others into a room with tricycles and other riding toys. Gerard hops on a red tricycle and rides happily across the room.

Driving for Safety

By Corpsmember Cheryl Mingus, Atterbury (Ind.) JCC

Atterbury (Ind.) JCC recently sponsored the Invitational Job Corps Driver's Education Rodeo. Five Job Corps Centers joined Atterbury for a day of driving competition: Earle C. Clements (Ky.) JCC, Crystal Springs (Miss.) JCC, Joliet (Ill.) JCC, Gulfport (Miss.) JCC, and Whitney M. Young (Ky.) JCC.

Each Center entered four students to compete for trophies in three stages. Contestants took a written exam on safe driving procedures, a driving range skill test of slow-speed drills, and a road test with an Indiana State policeman.

Before the competition, students, staff, and judges enjoyed hot coffee, doughnuts, and friendly conversation. Then the competition began.

After the written exam, students were shuttled to the driving range where half took part in the range competition while the others began their road test. The day was full of anticipation and cold bodies—it was very cold and windy.

The judges were State Troopers Joe Jensen, Karol Ruby, John Wheeler, Kevin Poe, Jill Dye, and William Bronner. They judged the road test, which covered a distance of 25 miles, and the range test. The range test included 10 slow-speed drills, such as angle parking, precision steering, parallel parking, and diminishing lane merging.

A welcome break came with lunch in the Center cafeteria. An outstanding service award was presented to Bill Warren, owner of Warren Chevrolet, who provides the cars for the Driver's Ed program. Guest speaker was Robert Russell, traffic safety education consultant for the State of Indiana.

After lunch, the competition continued. The conclusion of the day came with the presentation of awards and trophies. First place went to Atterbury JCC, with Crystal Springs taking second, and Gulfport taking third.

Individual first- and second-place trophies for high-scoring Corpsmembers went to Jeff Johnson and Mark Tetter, both Atterbury students. Third place went to Robert Hawkins of Joliet JCC.

All in all, the day was fun for both students and staff.

Far left, the first-place Atterbury team included (from left) James Levine, Instructor Carla Demaris, Mark Tetter, Joy Freeman, Instructor Kim Dixon, and Jeff Johnson.

At left, a friendly moment with the State Troopers, who were contest judges, preceded the competition.

At left, Corpsmember reporter Cheryl Mingus is "hamming it up" with Driver's Ed Instructors Kim Dixon and Carla Demaris and Media Specialist Jackson.

Below, second-place winners are from the Crystal Springs JCC (from left): Amos Low, Michael Frisan, Instructor Harold Denison, Milton Martin, and Henry Dennis.

Below, the Gulfport good drivers, who took third place in the competition, are (from left) Mike Williams, Michelle Price, Instructor Myron Labot, Byrie Young, and Alfred Riley.

NEWS & NOTES

Glenmont Gets a Word Processor

One of the newest trends in modern offices is the word processor, a computer that allows the typist to edit and correct copy on a video screen. Glenmont (N.Y.) JCC has one in its office skills program. The Center also has a host of students anxious to get to work on the new machine. Shown above are Darrell Burgess, typing, with the help of Instructor Elizabeth Magin. Jacqui Melendez, in the background, is waiting her turn.

Crystal Springs Hosts Congressional Visitor

No visit to the Crystal Springs (Miss.) JCC is complete without a tour of the Center. The recent visit by Fourth Congressional District Representative Wayne Dowdy was no exception. While on Center, he attended meetings, but the high point of the day was a tour of the plumbing and welding departments.

Above left, Congressman Dowdy speaks with Corpsmember Joseph Blaylock, plumbing trainee; above right, Dowdy asks Alvin MaGee some questions about welding.

NFL Pros Visit Crystal Springs

Can you pick out the athletes in this photo? The Crystal Springs (Miss.) JCC Student Government representatives and staff "mix and match" with the pros.

At left is Center Supervisor of Recreation Terry Cannon, Jim Washington (pro basketball player), Roy Jefferson (pro football player), Center Director Hugh Webb, SGA President Sylvester Simon, SGA Secretary Brenell Ballard, Jerry Broadnax (pro football player), SGA Lt. Governor Glen Edwards, and Chuck Hinton (pro baseball player).

Cass Honors Dr. King

The celebration of the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., on January 15 brought inspirational speakers and music to the Cass (Ark.) JCC. Corpsmember Rufus Henry started the assembly with his reading of Dr. King's "I have a Dream" speech.

Guest speaker was Dr. Gordan Morgan, a professor at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville. Dr. Morgan is the author of *The Ghetto College* and *America Without Ethnicity*.

Music was provided by five University of Arkansas singers, who conducted a program that included audience participation.

Shown above are (front row, from left) Tony White, Eddie Reed, Alberta Williams, Sandra McKeller, Sharon Lawrence, Barbie Ray, and Dr. Gordan Morgan with (back row) Center Director James Everage, Karen Watson, Rufus Henry, Counselor Milton Lamar, and staff member Fred Miller.

NEWS & NOTES

Iroquois Students Build a Center

Look around the Iroquois (N.Y.) JCC, and signs of Corpsmember work abound. The laundry, for example, was built by Iroquois trainees on work experience. A dormitory, the welding shop, and the gymnasium annex are all examples of Corpsmember work.

The message, according to Center Director Lowell G. Lee, is: "What a way to show off your skills, so that new enrollees can look around and see what they, too, can learn."

Another message shows up in the account books, which show that these buildings were constructed at a fraction of their estimated value. The dormitory, for example, cost $125,700 and is valued at $702,000.

Some of the skilled workers who have contributed to the future of Job Corps at the Iroquois JCC are (above right) Roosevelt Albright (left) and Maureen Jones, carpenters, and (below right, from left) Debbie Siebert, Richard Minns, Ralph Diaz, and Kevin Davis.

Woodstock Delivers Turkeys to Families

The Student Government Association of the Woodstock (Md.) JCC decided to share its good fortune with some area families. SGA president Richard Woodford suggested donating turkeys and all the trimmings to families who were looking forward to a bleak holiday season. They voted in favor of his idea with a unanimous "Right-on."

Staff adviser Jackie Davenport and SGA secretary Gwen Walker shopped for the plumpest birds and ingredients for some festive holiday meals. SGA representatives Robin Day and Sandy Williams did the final honors—traveled to the homes of the families with the holiday SGA baskets.

Shown above are Robin Day (left) and Sandy Williams (at right) with one of the Center's new-found friends.

Oneonta Has Foster Grandchild Program

Richard E. Bennett, rec specialist at the Oneonta (N.Y.) JCC, looked around for an alternative program for Corpsmembers. The alternative he was looking for was one that would emphasize "you" rather than "I."

Bennett found his program at the Fox Nursing Home in Oneonta. It's the Foster Grandchild Program, and it involves student volunteers from the Center becoming friends with nursing home residents.

The students work individually with patients, helping them in such activities as arts and crafts, letter writing, and reading. Mainly, the Oneonta volunteers make friends at the home, which is a benefit that works two ways.

Susan Mayer, activities director at the home, provides the Corpsmembers with training and orientation before they meet their "foster grandparents."

The program is strictly voluntary. "We can see that it's paying off," says Mayer. As many as five students at a time have been involved in the program, which started last October. "This program gives the Corpsmembers a chance to give of themselves," says Bennett. Top left, Corpsmember Debbie Jung admires Mary Miller's craft project. At right, Corpsmember Maria Hodge works with Grace Townsend. Top center, all together, the Oneonta volunteers work with residents of the Fox Nursing Home.

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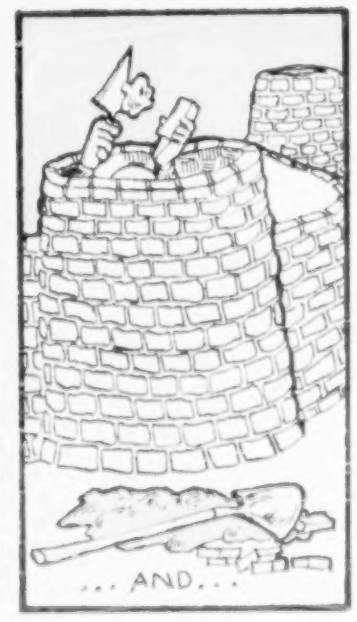
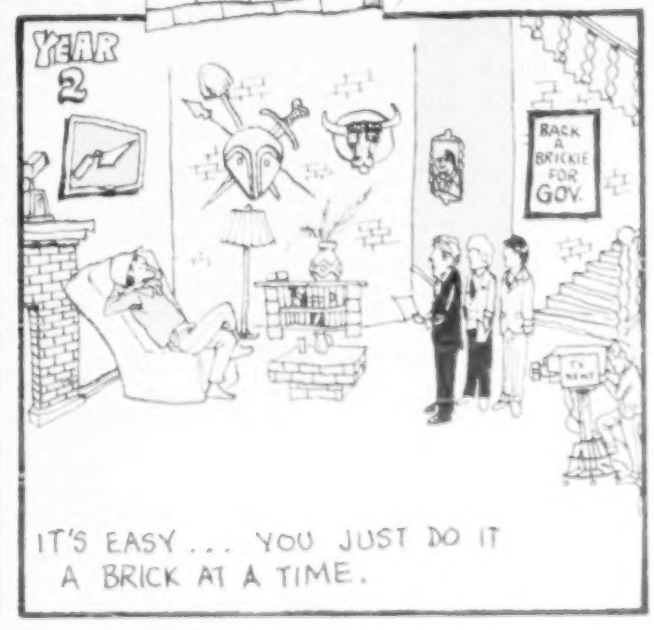




SPORTS

Turner and Whitney M. Young— They Meet Again

By Jerry Ennis, Whitney M. Young Staff Member

Two fine football teams—Whitney M. Young (Ky.) JCC and Turner (Ga.) JCC—are the perrenial powers of their divisions.

Whitney, which was undefeated in 1980, posted a 6-0 record going into that year's Southeast Job Corps Athletic Conference. Whitney lost to Turner that year by a score of 18-12. This year (1981), Whitney's record was 7-2. For the second year in a row, Whitney met Turner on the gridiron for the championship of all championships in football.

Unfortunately for Whitney, Turner was once again victorious, by a score of 13 to 2. Turner has lost only one game in the past three seasons.

Whitney is already looking forward to next year's season with what promises to be an outstanding team. We at Whitney are very proud of Coach Brad Morehead and Rec Supervisor Larry Hodge.

Above are the victorious Turner players, with Whitney M. Young below right. Below left are the Turner cheerleaders—one reason for that team's exceptional winning record.

Former Colt Visits Blackwell

Tim Baylor, former defensive back for the Baltimore Colts, is shown at right signing autographs at the Blackwell (Wis.) JCC. Baylor was one of four athletes who visited the Center to talk to the Corpsmen and participate in some off-the-cuff athletics in the gym.

Along with Baylor was Pete Mannis, a soccer player formerly with the Pittsburgh Spirits. John Barefield, former St. Louis Cardinal, and Art Napolitana, former Pittsburgh Spirit, completed the group.

Barefield spoke about the "three C's" that he sees as essential for reaching one's goals: Confidence, Consistency, and Concentration.

PEOPLE

President Gerald Ford Visits Grand Rapids

It was a "homecoming" for former President Gerald R. Ford when he visited the Grand Rapids (Mich.) JCC. The Center facility is the former South High School, Ford's alma mater. Ford was in Grand Rapids for his 50th high school class reunion when he toured the Center. Following his tour, he spoke to the Corpsmembers and staff plus some old friends who were on hand for the occasion.

According to Nancy Lamb, reading instructor, Ford received a standing ovation from the Corpsmembers after his introduction by Center Director Don Williams. Ford recalled memories of walking through the South High School halls, wondering about his tomorrows.

Lamb summed up Ford's speech as follows: "It is not so preposterous to think that we have the power, courage, and ability to be and do whatever it is we want to do and become. . .even the president of the United States. For those of us who were present," Lamb continues, "we saw, we knew, we could believe that each of us is capable of reaching out and achieving."

Above left, President Ford has just been named an honorary Corpsmember and displays his plaque. From left are Student Government members Duane Clark and David Wetzman. Above center, President Ford is touring the Center with Corpsmembers and staff.

Above right, the former President stops to chat with (from left) Corpsmember Duane Clark, Center Director Don Williams, and Corpsmember Jackie Bieber. Below right, President Ford signs autographs for Corpsmembers Michael Ealey and Dana Haliburton.

Arciniega Is Outstanding at San Jose

A 10th-grade dropout is a GED grad and has been chosen Outstanding Corpsmember at the San Jose (Calif.) JCC. Corpsmember Jaime Arciniega is studying sheetmetal fabrication. He was selected as the Center's outstanding Corpsmember for his performance in all areas of Job Corps life. He established this record in less than a year and expects to complete his training in May.

Two runner-up Corpsmembers for the title of outstanding are Vivian Gomez and Thuy Truong. All three were commended by Center Director Kenneth Dugan for their dedication and hard work.

Building a New Life Is Duong Lai Thien's Mission

Duong Lai Thien has come a long way since he left Vietnam in an open boat and made his way to Hong Kong. After 5 months there, he came to the United States—a strange country where he had no job and could not speak the language.

Thien's first step in building a new life was to enroll at the Gary (Tex.) JCC, where he studied auto mechanics and English. Two years later, he has been graduated as an English-speaking, first-class mechanic and is working full time at the San Marcos Datsun Company.

"I learned more than language and job skills at Gary," Thien says. "I learned how to live in the United States."

Thien was one of Gary's best auto mechanic trainees. He was chosen to represent the Center at the first National Job Corps Expo held in Washington, D.C., as half of a two-person team. The team came in third in the national competition.

Thien's job with the San Marcos company resulted from his performance there on work experience. "That's how Thien is building a new life for himself—by taking advantage of every opportunity and doing his very best," says Jimm Hamm, Gary staff member.

FROM YOU

The Genius of All Time

I remember a man, a very strong man, not a violent man, but a man with a plan.

"Brothers and sisters, violence is not the way," I can remember, this he would say. To equalize, now is the time; not by violence but by using our minds.

He also said as a matter of fact: "I can name other outstanding whites and blacks, those whose achievements roar like thunder, from Henry Kissinger to young Stevie Wonder." I can also remember from day to day other things the genius would say:

"We need more doctors and lawyers, too. Listen brothers and sisters, I'm talking to you." An old woman heard this and didn't know what to do; she fell from her chair shouting, "Ain't it the truth!"

I also know he said: "I had a dream," and that's when the wicked had to ruin things. This means we should stick together and to do our best to accomplish every task and test. So, whatever you are, you are here to *strive* and *learn* and to *receive* what you have *earned*.

Jestine Hendrieth
Batesville (Miss.) JCC

A Wish

If I could have just one wish come true,
I'd put it on each and every one of you.
I'd wish that our dreams of success would
soon come true.
Step by step, try to pull for success,
Because only you can make yourself the
best.
Don't think of it as a waste of time,
Just keep on striving harder with a positive
mind.
And if I keep wishing for me and you,
Just maybe our dreams for success will come
true.

Kellye Govia
Gainesville (Fla.) JCC

Spirits

Many years have passed, then a day;
Still we walk in a path that leads to the
light shining down on the face beyond.
Thoughts ignite us; let love unite us
and turn our faces to the wind,
that turns in the life within.
You'll find a friend, everlasting love,
you can depend.
And every time you smile, you'll bless a
child,
And our spirits perpetuate,
Our spirits meditate in love and faith,
And our spirits, they will be one.

James A. Williams
Mingo (Mo.) JCC

Discoveries

I am alive!
Growing and changing with each passing
day,
Becoming the woman I knew I could be.
I took a chance and left behind
The only life I've ever known
To start a life that's entirely my own.
Sometimes it's hard leaving those you love,
For I know they may be gone
when I return,
But I am doing what's right for me,
And I know I'm loved enough to have the
freedom to choose.
When I look
in the mirror,
I see a woman,
instead of a
child.
I can see the changes, feel myself grow;
And I know now that I'm making it—
I'm on the road to success.
I feel good about myself now and others, too.
I'm writing this because I want to share
with you the joy I find in being alive.
Each day gets better
in some small way,
giving me hope,
strengthening my resolve.
I want to see you make it
So we can stand together
and say I've watched you grow.
You believe in yourself
and I believe in you,
Thanks for the memories, my friend,
Until we meet again. . .

Jandi Dunlop
Tongue Point (Oreg.) JCC

El Paso Winners

The El Paso (Tex.) JCC held a creative writing contest, awarding three prizes for two categories of writing. Poetry winners are Luis Alvarez, first; Ernesto Acosta, second; and Manuela Perez, third. Prose winners are Luis Venegas, first; Yolanda Pina, second; and Elizabeth Sepulveda, third.

The three short samples below give an idea of the lively and imaginative writing from El Paso.

Friendship

By Yolanda Pina

Friendship—one word with many meanings. Yet, to many it has just one. To me, a friend is someone who likes me even though he or she knows everything about me. It should not matter what you have done in the past, but how you are now. No one is perfect; everyone makes mistakes.

Friendship—a friend—is someone with whom you can laugh, cry, smile, and frown. A friend will help you when you are in need and not turn his or her back on you. A friend will not hold anything against you, talk behind your back, or ever try to hurt you.

A friend is so hard to find. I will know when I have found my true friend, because there will be respect and admiration for each other. Fun times and sad times—but that is to be expected. There will be love; but most of all, there will be friendship.

Love

By Ernesto Acosta

Love is caring for someone because of who they are, not because of what they look like or what you would like them to be.
It's putting up with their bad moods and actions that would be intolerable in someone you did not love.
Love is not easy and it can take a lot of your time.
But it's worth it.

Darkness

By Manuela Perez

The nights are dark but beautiful. Nights are short, but nights are for lovers.

Just think of it, if there weren't any darkness, there would be no rest. Bright, long days are hot and tiring, but you're always ready for the cool darkness. Darkness is a time of dreaming.

Darkness is a time of thinking and a time of praying. Darkness is a time of peace and a time of freedom.

Darkness is when the stars are bright and the moon is round and glowing. Just think of all this world resting at night, having peace and silence. Think of people dancing, celebrating, and just having fun—after a long, hot day.

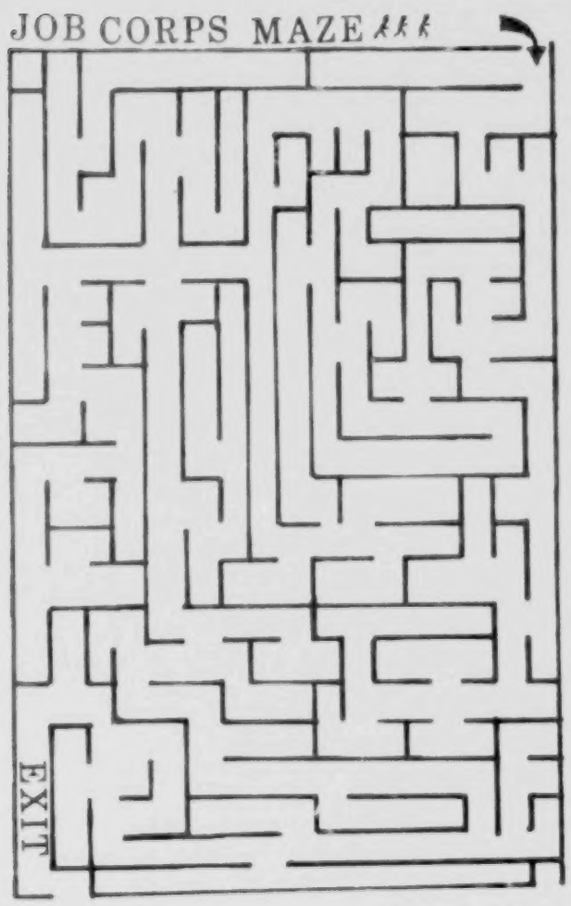
Night is when the trees are dark, your eyes are glowing, and when you see light. Dark is beautiful, and dark is peace.

FROM YOU

Food for Thought

The greatest puzzle: **Life**
The greatest invention of the devil: **War**
The greatest thought: **God**
The greatest mystery: **Death**
The greatest thing, bar none, in all the world: **Love**
The greatest need: **Common sense**
The greatest mistake: **Giving up**
The best day: **Today**
The best play: **Work**
The best town: **Where you succeed**
The most disagreeable person: **The complainer**
The most dangerous person: **The liar**
The richest asset: **Health**
The cheapest and easiest thing to do: **Find fault**
The biggest fool: **The child who will not go to school**
The best teacher: **One who makes you want to learn**

Cordell J. Smith
New Jersey JCC



The "Ides of March" Are Upon You

By Sharyn Duffin

March is a loser of a month. As the last "leg" of winter, it comes when we are totally fed up with cold winds and snow. As the first "leg" of spring, it offers a poor excuse for what we yearn for—green grass, warm breezes, and sunshine. In short, March offers few redeeming features no matter where one lives. Only the Irish are brave enough to claim a day in March as their own—St. Patrick's day.

Furthermore, a lot of people believe that March is especially unlucky. They speak meaningfully of the "ides of March" as proof of this.

"Beware the ides of March" was a warning delivered to Julius Caesar, according to Plutarch (an ancient Roman writer) and Shakespeare. The warning was not heeded, and Caesar was assassinated on the ides of March, 44 B.C.

But just what are the ides of March? How come no one ever worries about the ides of November or June?

The ides were one of three fixed points of each month in the ancient Roman calendar. They corresponded with the full moon and involved sacrifices of white sheep to Jupiter. In March, May, July, and October, the ides fell on the 15th. In all other months, the ides fell on the 13th.

By the time of Julius Caesar's death, the ides had lost their astrological significance because of the changes he made in the calendar that were adopted in 46 B.C. We have had to live with unevenly numbered months ever since.

However, the idea that the ides are unlucky seems to rest on the death of Caesar after the warning. If that's the case, then the middle of March has been given a "bum rap" as an unlucky time. In other words, the ides can be lucky or unlucky, depending on the individual.

Maybe the fact that U.S. income taxes used to be due on March 15 (before the date was changed to April 15) helped perpetuate the day's bad reputation. Regardless, unless you happen to be the emperor of the Roman Empire, March 15 should be an okay day for you. Except for the continuing cold, winds out of the northwest, and possible snow flurries. . .

Always Have a Dream

Forget about the days
when it's been cloudy,
but don't forget your days in the sun.
Forget about the times
you've been defeated,
but don't forget the victories you've won.
Forget about the mistakes
you can't change now,
but don't forget the lessons you've learned.
Forget about the misfortunes
you've encountered,
but don't forget the times your luck has turned.
forget about the days
you've been lonely,
but don't forget the friendly smiles you've seen.
Forget about the plans
that didn't seem to work out right,
but don't forget to always have a dream.

Curtis Shipman
Clearfield (Utah) JCC

Wayne Smith has been graduated from the Batesville (Miss.) JCC, but he left behind him this song to commemorate his stay:

BJCC Song

Can't you see what you have done for me? You helped me, and lifted me along the way. Now it's time for me to stand up and figure out the way. It's so nice to say goodbye to yesterday.

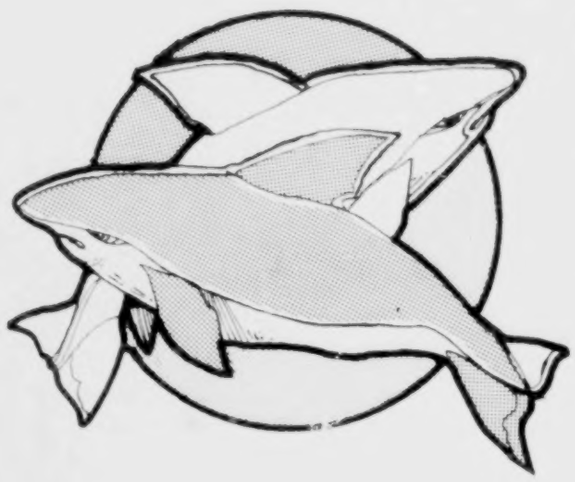
You helped me, and now I can go on to get my trade, so I can move on. It's nice to say goodbye to yesterday.

Wayne Smith
Batesville (Miss.) JCC

Visions

Listen to the rhythm of my heartbeat,
and you shall know the contents of my being.
Hear my voice and know that I am inner changeable.
My soul belongs to no one until my final breath.
Know my laughter for I shall someday make your sorrows laughter also,
I give you values to nurture the spirit.
Seek the truth from the ways being taught;
Let not your mind be wasted on fruitless efforts and endless directions.
Touch my soul with your wisdom; know that I am meaningless without you, just as you are without me.
Take my hand, walk with me, and know that we are together,
Together as one as we shall always be, and time will be ours.

Debbie J. Stewart
Keystone (Pa.) JCC



Pisces, the Fish

February 19-March 20

This column is biased in favor of Pisces because the writer is a Pisces. A person born in the morning of February 19 is an Aquarian. People born in the afternoon are Pisceans but often go through their lives believing they are Aquarians because many astrology writers separate the sign on the 20th.

If your birthday is on the 19th and you don't know whether you are a morning or afternoon baby, don't worry. Pisceans and Aquarians aren't that different.

FROM YOU

Pisceans and Aquarians are creative, intuitive, and likely to be involved in the arts—especially music—whether as performers or appreciators.

The difference is that Aquarius is more direct in his or her approach to life, whereas Pisces tends to waffle between equally interesting goals. The big word for Pisces is "equivocate," and it means being unwilling to make a decision between equally interesting or demanding goals. Pisces goes for both and sometimes doesn't achieve either one.

The sign of the fish shows it swimming both ways—that should give a clue to Pisces' character. While looking both ways and swimming first upstream and then down, Pisces sees a lot of life and is a very observant person. Like Aquarius, Pisces "grazes" on facts like a whale grazes on plankton. All that information is stored for future reference.

Unlike Aquarius, however, Pisces tends to store the good news and to ignore and reject the bad. Pisces has a soft heart and just hates to be sad or to remember sad or uncomfortable events. So, often Pisces remembers a rosy past and forgets the rest. Unfortunately, a balanced, realistic view of the world requires both.

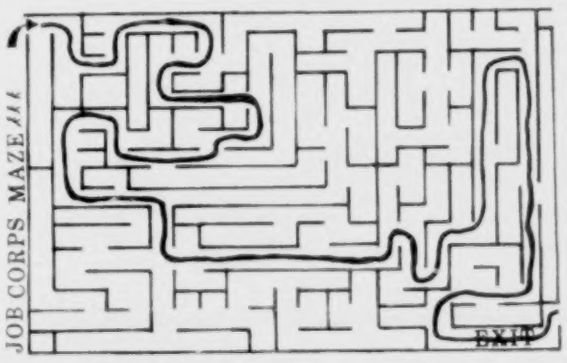
So, some people say that Pisceans are unrealistic and overly optimistic. Others look on Pisceans as the positive thinkers of the world—always looking for the silver lining and to heck with the cloud that is hiding it.

Overall, we swimmers may not always end up where we expect to go, but one thing is certain—we'll do a lot of traveling on the way.

Friends

I think I'm the luckiest girl in the world
just because I know you.
I'd hate to say where I'd be if you never
came along.
You made each day happy—
Quite the opposite of sad.
You gave me all the kindness that you ever
had.
You told me there's nothing wrong with
tears,
You helped me get out of my problems and
over most of my fears.
I'm not sure how to thank you for all that
you have done,
All I can say is that you've made my day
start and end a better and happier one.

Belinda V. Fore
Gainesville (Fla.) JCC



Job Corps Memories

Job Corps memories will always stay with
me,
I spent 18 months of my life in Job Corps,
you see.
When I graduated from high school, I was a
lost, young girl,
It was in Job Corps that I started building
my world.
I discovered myself and created goals for
my life,
Because I didn't want to end up just being
a housewife.
I met a lot of people from a lot of different
cities,
Who gave me strength and confidence, not
pity.
They taught me to accept people for who
and what they are,
To keep on trying for that unreachable star.
With failure came success; with happiness
came pain,
I jumped over my obstacles with the help
of staff and friends.
I've been in two Job Corps—Clearfield and
Charleston,
At each one, not only did I learn, but I had
a lot of fun.
At the end of my road, I made this decision,
That it would be in Job Corps that I would
make my living.
Now I'm working at Woodstock as an RA,
Helping Corpswomen with their problems
every day.
Job Corps will help you if you want to
help yourself, remember that;
I did, and I'm happy and proud of where
I'm at.

Theresa Satterwhite
Residential Adviser
Woodstock (Md.) JCC

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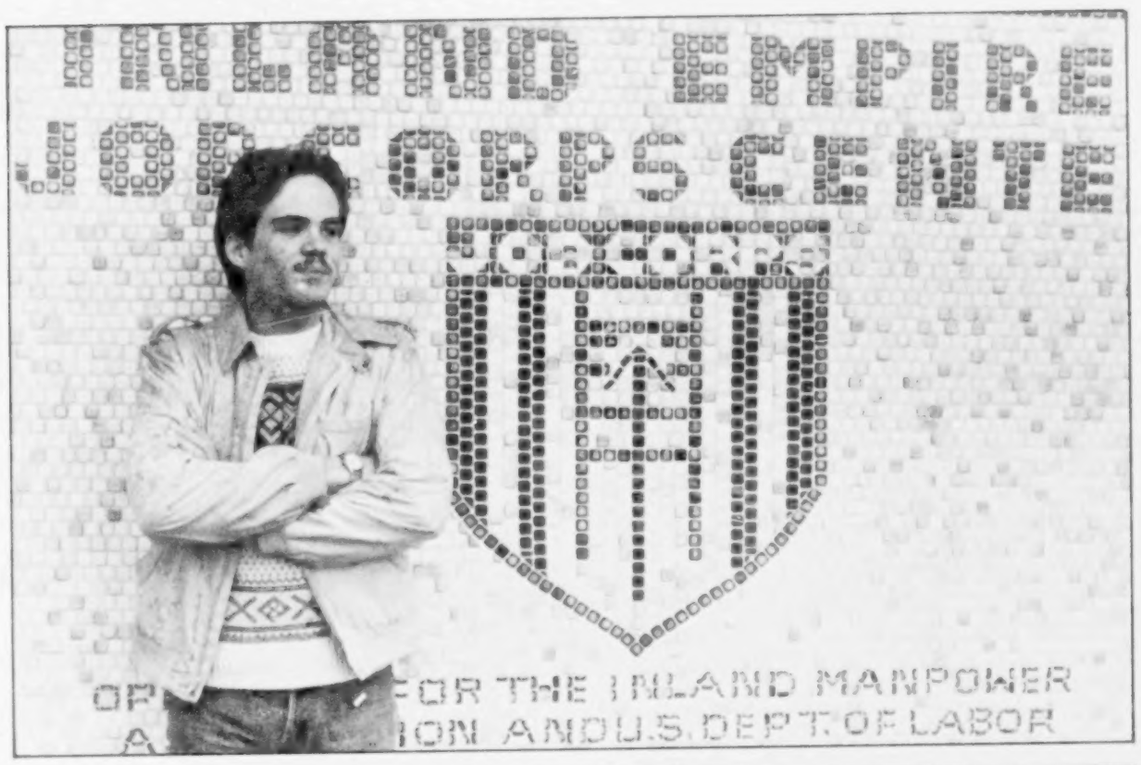


Above, Scott Booth welcomes visitors to Inland Empire JCC in front of the Mosaic created by tilesetting trainees.

Inland Empire—A Trend Setter

Like the State of California, Inland Empire JCC in San Bernardino has its own style. The Center is small—only 310 Corpsmembers. The atmosphere is one of friendship and caring—low-keyed and "laid-back," to use a California phrase.

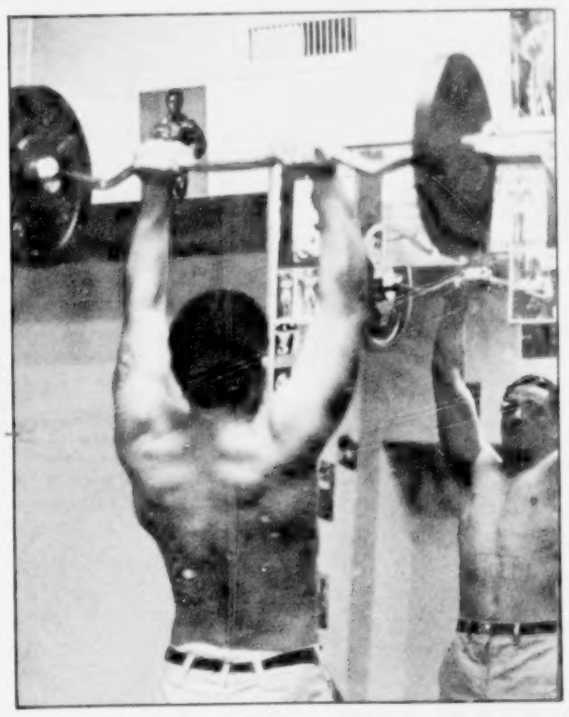
Students there have a choice of earning either a GED or a high school diploma. They can also select from a wide range of trades both on and off center. On-Center trades include maintenance, carpentry, tilesetting, landscaping, and clerical and finance.

Off Center, students can select from welding, electronics, auto mechanics, auto body repair, machinist, and cosmetology. These trades are offered through a number of local trade and technical schools.

Below, "How do you like the California sunshine?" ask Vivian McKiry (left) and Annette Patterson.

Above, arches decorate the tilesetting shop where trainees Brenda Brown (right) and Reggie Tucker spend many hours. They are also shown on the cover.

Below, Edwardo Barrientos checks out his weightlifting form.



At right, Kermit Wilkinson pauses on his way to welding training.

Below, building tile benches in the mini-mall are (from left) Reggie Tucker, Richard Munoz, and Brenda Brown.

Showing off a World of Work bulletin board are Margarita Magdaleno and Pete Rubie.

Where the Vampire Comes From

Ever wonder where your Center gets movies, such as "Champion of the Dead," and "Vampire Graveyard"? They come from Inland Empire. The Center acts as the distributor for all Job Corps movies. There is a special building on Center, completely remodeled by students, where movies are stored, repaired, and mailed to Centers.

Center Director Murray Durst says that, eventually, film handling will become a special OJT program for trainees. "Since we're so near the heart of the film industry, there are opportunities in this area," Durst says. The Center is located about 60 miles east of Los Angeles.

Director Durst says that the Inland Empire JCC was a typical 1950's era junior high school campus when the first Corpsmembers arrived in 1979. "There's been a great deal of work done to improve it," says Durst, "and 90 percent of the work has been done by Corpsmembers."

Singing in the Rain

It may not rain often in southern California, but when it does rain, imaginations are put to work to figure out how to stay dry. To see all the Corpsmember projects at Inland Empire on a rainy day, it's best to have tour guides like Robin Kinnison, Ken Dry, and Kermit Wilkinson. They come equipped with umbrellas.

Outside, maintenance trainees Spanky Gonzales and James Winters aren't letting a little rain keep them from their work. They're among a group of trainees washing down a building with a high-pressure hose. "We're getting ready to paint it," says Spanky.

Out comes trainee Connie Burgueno, who has the perfect answer to the rain. A clear plastic bag covers her from neck to toe. "You look like an angel," someone calls. "I feel more like a banana," she answers, with a laugh.

Kermit and Ken debate the dryest route for the Center tour. Robin points the tip of her umbrella to the left. "Let's go to the mini-mall," she says.

The Mini-Mall

Director Durst says that the construction of the mini-mall has involved every trade on Center. "Malls are today's mainstreets," says Durst, "and Inland Empire's is no exception."

The Inland Empire JCC mini-mall is a small, enclosed shopping center. There's an arcade with pool tables and a few electronic games, a small movie theater, and two stores. The refreshment store is open for business, but the drygoods store is still under construction. "We'll have basic clothing items and other necessities for sale in the store," says Durst.

There is also a large, open area in the mall for student parties and dances. At present, there is no party going on. Tilesetting trainees are getting ready for one, however. "We've got to finish these benches before the dance next week," says trainee Reggie Tucker.

Reggie, Brenda Brown, and Richard Munoz have a lot of work ahead of them. They are covering wooden platforms with metal lath, a coat of cement, and then ceramic tile. The platforms run the length and sides of the mini-mall to form benches. "We've finished part of it," says Reggie, "but there's still a long way to go."

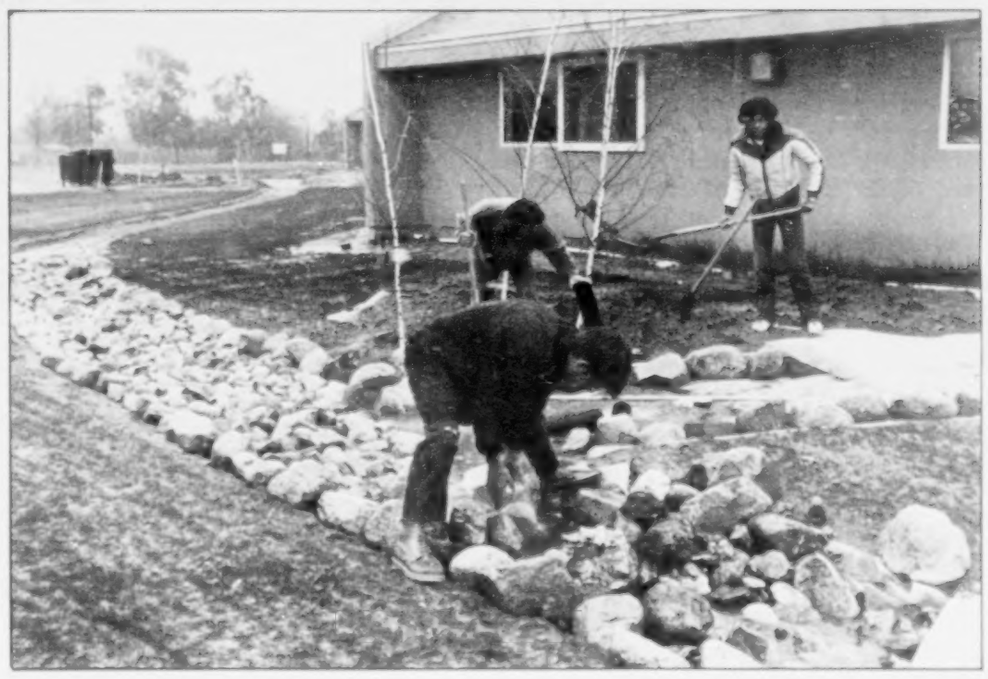
The benches are one of many Center projects these and other tilesetting trainees have worked on. They created a welcoming mosaic at the Center entrance and installed ceramic tile floors in several buildings.

The tilesetting shop actually looks a lot like Hollywood's idea of an ancient Roman bath. There are arches, round showers, numerous

Below, carpentry trainee Angie Carmona takes a lunchtime break, a hand-woven poncho covering her uniform.

Center left, Ken Dry and Cleveland Lewis (above) show off the results of body building.

At left, carpentry trainee Jimmy Jackson installs a blackboard.



sinks and vanities, and a row of tub enclosures covered with patterned tile Instructor Dave Dora says that it's important for tilesetters to know how to apply tile for many different kinds of jobs. "You never know what a customer might want," says Dora.

The Carpenters

Like the tilesetters, the carpenters are working everywhere on Center. Trainees Jimmy Jackson and Angie Carmona are installing a blackboard in a conference room they helped to remodel along with building maintenance trainees. In the dorms, Cynthia Wright, Edward Barrientos, and Oscar Salazar are measuring, sawing, and nailing decorative plywood to partitions that separate the dorm rooms.

"About 50 percent of our program is working on Center projects like this," says Instructor Harold Formway. "The other 50 percent is spent on the union PETS program." Formway says that the Center has had a lot of success placing its graduates in the union apprentice program.

The Landscapers

Signs of the landscaper's art are everywhere on Center. Even though the class is meeting inside because of the rain, Richard Jenkins, Joe Johnson, and Larry Dew agree to brave the elements for *Happenings'* cameras.

They pose in front of a long, stone-covered drainage ditch that resembles a walkway to a Japanese garden. They constructed the ditch to prevent flooding on very wet days. "Don't you think that this is an appropriate place to pose in the rain?" asks Richard.

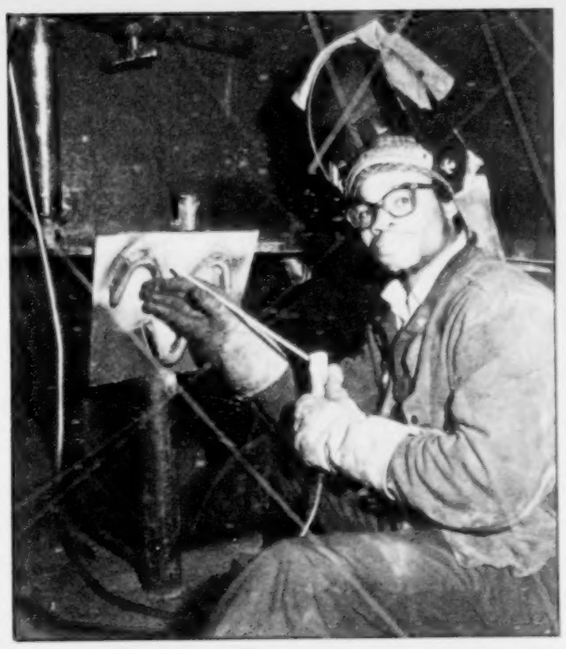
Landscaping trainees Larry Dew (left), Richard Jenkins (front), and Joe Johnson helped to build this drainage ditch.

Instructor Dick Elliott says that there is a lot to learn in landscaping. "Students must know how to operate and maintain all types of landscaping equipment and use equipment safely," says Elliott. "They also learn to identify over 200 native plants."

Pest identification, treatment, and prevention is also taught, as is use of fertilizers. "We've installed sprinkler systems and planned and planted garden areas on Center, too," says Elliott. He adds that the Center hopes to have its own greenhouse in the future. "Then we will study horticulture and the raising of indoor plants."

At right, maintenance trainees (from left) James Winters, Connie Burgueno, and Spanky Gonzales bring out a high-power hose to clean a Center building.

Below, even telephone calls are damp on a rainy day. That doesn't stop Pam Johnson (left) and Ben Marin (right) from "reaching out," however.



Above, rec aide Greg Grays (left) works in the Center mini-mall refreshment store. Robin Kinnison buys a lollypop.

At left, Ken Dry shows off a welding project.

At left, Luis Pina hand painted the stripes on this car. Luis was selected the top auto body repair student four times in 5 months.

The Body Builders

Building and remodeling at Inland Empire isn't confined to the Center facility. A lot of Corpsmembers are building muscles in the Center weightlifting room. Ken Dry, Cleveland Lewis, Edwardo Barrientos, and Javier Gomez give new meaning to the words "pumping iron."

Ken and Cleveland show off body poses while Edwardo and Javier lift weights. "It takes a lot of hard work," says Ken, "but it makes me feel good to know I can lift 305 pounds." Ken weighs 153 lbs.

In a way, Ken's words sum up the philosophy of Inland Empire JCC. Inland Empire is about building—building pride in oneself and in one's work.

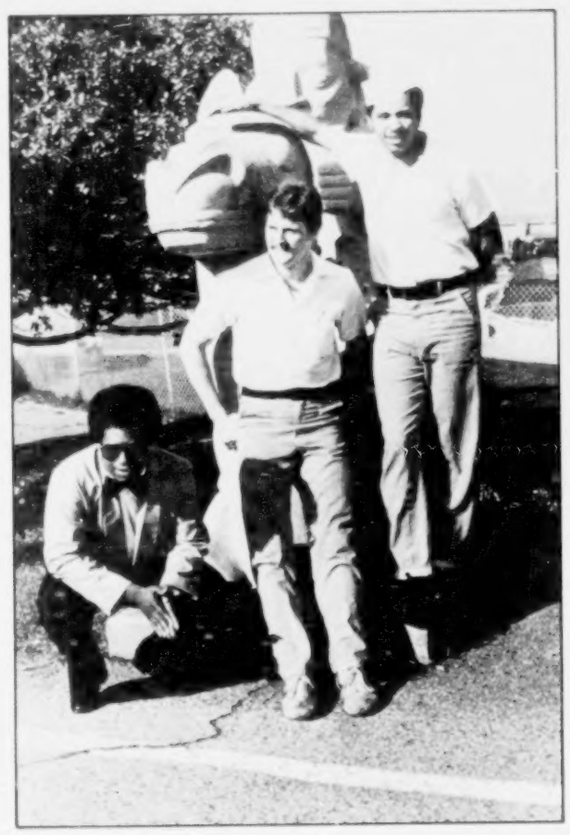
Cover: Marvin Lewis shows off a tray of elegant sandwiches he prepared.

Welcome Aboard the National Maritime Union JCC

From Viking ships to clipper ships to the "Love Boat"—the call of the sea has always suggested romance and adventure.

To Harry Vega, Keith Johnson, Jennifer Zawarski, and 75 other Corpsmembers from Centers across the country, the call of the sea means this and more. It means the opportunity to earn big money in their chosen field, culinary arts, aboard ships.

Harry, Keith, and Jennifer are students at the National Maritime Union Job Corps Center on Treasure Island in San Francisco Bay, Calif. To call them lucky is an understatement.



Far left, trainees Jeffrey Perry, Scott Ellendorf, and Joseph Brown stand in front of a statue left over from the 1939 World's Fair.

At left, Jennifer Zawarski balances a tray.

"Let's face it," says Jennifer, who came to the Center from the Albuquerque JCC, "There aren't many places more beautiful than Treasure Island." The island is man made. It was constructed as the site of the 1939 World's Fair. It overlooks the skyline of the city of San Francisco, only a bridge away.

The Navy now operates a base on Treasure Island. The Center took over one large building, which is now the dining room and kitchen for the training program. The Navy also gave the Center a floor of another building for offices and dorms.

"The Navy has been very good to us," says staff member Junior Samson. "They let us use many of their facilities, such as their gym, swimming pool, theater, and tennis courts."

Trainee Scott Ellendorf of the Boxelder JCC says that students get along very well with Navy personnel. "We play touch football and other sports with them," says Scott. "A few sailors are jealous that we don't have to drill, but we all get along fine."

Above, waiter Clifford Herrell fills water glasses with ice.

At left, Chef Steve Valencia puts the finishing touches on a decorated ham. Behind him is Brian Jackson (left) and John Ingram.

Far left, Brian Jackson breaks eggs for Denver sandwiches.

At left, setting a table are (from left) Jess House, Barrington Fair, and Jennifer Zawarski.

The Menu for Success

NMU training may not require military drill, but it does require dedication and self-discipline. "Students have to be up and ready to work at 6 a.m.," says Chef Ray Lorreta. "They are very seldom late. They're mature enough to know that it's up to them."

Students are in training a long time before they ever reach Lorreta's kitchen, however. They arrive by bus or plane and are generally picked up by Samson, who begins his own brand of orientation immediately. "I'm father, mother, brother, and sister," says Samson.

Samson says that there is one piece of advice he'd like to give Center directors who send Corpsmembers to Treasure Island: Make sure that Corpsmen are cleanshaven and have their hair short and neatly cut before they come.

"People do not like to be served food by waiters with long hair and beards," says Samson. "Good grooming is very important here, and it embarrasses a new student to have to be taken for a hair cut as soon as he arrives."

Above, Detroit Gray doesn't mind washing dishes. "We all start at the bottom," he says.

At right, Peter Harrington, who is dorm president as well as a cook, carries a container of ribs and steaks.

Fire School, etc.

New arrivals to Treasure Island take physical examinations and attend fire school. In fire school, they learn techniques for stopping fires aboard ship and actually put out real fires. Personal grooming and sanitation are also taught in this phase of training.

Detroit Gray of the Clearfield (Utah) JCC completed orientation and is now in the scullery—which means that he washes dishes. "There's a lot to learn, and everyone has to start at the bottom," says Detroit.

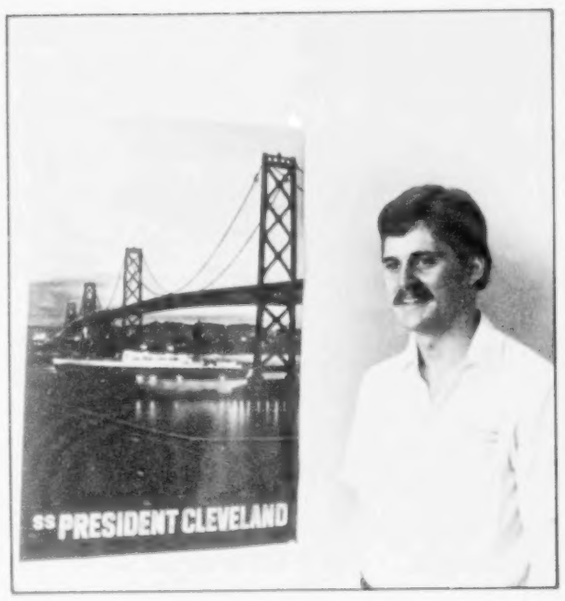
Between meals, Detroit studies a thick handbook of skills and information about food service. He has to know all the different types of glasses and what beverages to serve in each.

He must learn the 10 ways to fold napkins, proper table settings, and hundreds of other things—from manners to the French words for menu items. He also observes Joy Coleman of the Talking Leaves JCC and Clifford Herrell of the Hawaii JCC, who are in dining room service, the next training course.

"Each course is 624 hours," says Dining Room Instructor Pete Marino, who spent 30 years at sea and was chief steward on a passenger ship.

"We like to stress quality in our training," Marino says. "We want our grads to be the best. A graduate should have the skills to be a messman, which means that he or she serves the crew, or a bellman, room steward, and first-class waiter."

Gary JCC's Barrington Fair, who is studying bartending in addition to waitering, says that part of his training has been psychology. "Learning about people, especially our customers and how to treat them, is part of our training. We have to be polite and helpful without being too familiar."



Above, Scott Ellendorf says that he would not mind shipping out on the SS President Cleveland.

Jennifer practices tray service. Jeffrey Perry of the Jacobs Creek JCC stands straight, head up and hands behind his back, alert to the needs of his imaginary customers.

Talking Leaves JCC's Elaine Losano sets a table, making sure that every utensil is in its proper place. Their gold and black uniforms are spotless. Their hair is neatly combed. Their posture is erect. They are professionals.

Cooking, Baking, Creating

In the galley (kitchen), Hawaii JCC's David Jones is deboning chicken wings for teriaki chicken, along with Wolf Creek JCC's Paul Taylor and Cass JCC's Drew Francis. Near by, Clark Armstead of Weber Basin JCC stirs horseradish sauce and Ernest Carter of Jacobs Creek JCC chops cabbage for minestrone soup.

"About 75 percent of what goes on in the galley is done by the students," says Lorreta. "We give the instructions; they do the work."

At left, Ruth Bailey takes a break from cooking.

Center, Joy Coleman and Elaine Losano practice tray service.

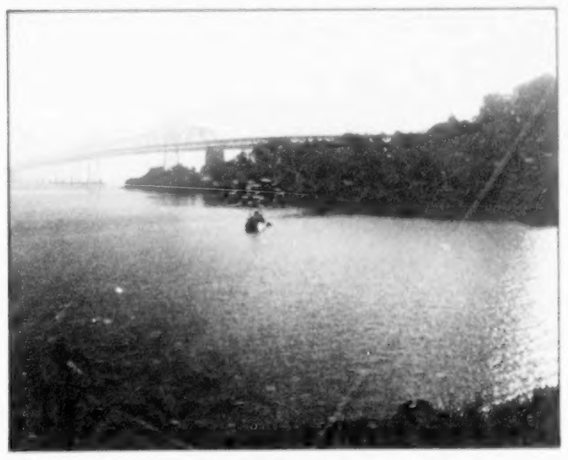
In addition to general cooking, students learn butchering and baking as well as to make sandwiches, salads, garnishes, hors d'oeuvres, and canapes. "They can find jobs in a galley as assistant cook, assistant pantry, second cook, baker, or chief cook," says Marino.

Harry Vega of the Sacramento JCC has finished most phases of training and now has his seaman's papers and is joining the NMU. "Harry has had a lot of opportunities for work already," says Samson. "We often find weekend jobs for the trainees where they can gain skills and earn pocket money." Pocket money to Samson is $7 per hour.

Harry says that coming to Treasure Island is the best thing he ever did. "I went to Job Corps Expo in Washington, D.C., and to New York City where the union gave us a big banquet. And, pretty soon, I'll be seeing the rest of the world."

The NMU program is definitely an opportunity. "You have to be willing to work and study hard here, though," says Scott Ellendorf. "You have to be mature."

At right, this crew of happy cooks includes Neal Brown, Ezra Kirkland, Michael Dunbar, and Willie Thigpen.



Above is the bridge to Treasure Island, a man made island built for the 1939 World's Fair.

Guthrie Corps-members Preserve History

By Jay Hannah,
Guthrie Staff Member

At left, Corpsmember Leonard Johnson applies heat to a plumbing project at the museum.

Above, taking a break outside the museum project are Guthrie NAHB trainees (bottom row, from left) John Guillory and Terrence White and (top row) Howard Thomas and Charles Givens.

Guthrie, Okla., is a small town with a big history. Corpsmembers at the Guthrie JCC have been working to help preserve the community's colorful past.

Guthrie's downtown area looks much as it did 90 years ago when the city was the capital of the Oklahoma Territory. Today, many of the territorial landmarks are being restored. One of these is the State Capital Publishing Building. When the Oklahoma Historical Society decided to convert the 80-year-old structure into a museum, Corpsmembers at Guthrie became involved.

The reconstruction was designated as a vocational skills training project. Students from the National Association of Home Builders vocations went to work to help local citizens preserve a part of America's heritage.

NAHB Instructors Vic Musgrave, Myrl Waggoner, and Jim Knight worked closely with Museum Curator Ludd Lentz to identify restoration projects for the classes. A variety of assignments, ranging from installation of plumbing to construction of a fire escape, helped provide Guthrie with a new museum and Corpsmembers with on-site training.

Guthrie Corps-woman Is Fashion Designer

By Jay Hannah,
Guthrie Staff Member

At left, designer Desrein Nash puts a creative urge and a practical spirit together to produce beautiful clothes for young people.

Below, fashion models at the Guthrie Fashion Show are (from left) Stephanie Yount, Ronald Taylor, Sandra Collins, and Sam Hill. The fashions are by Desrein Nash.

Many Corpsmembers express their talents through their hobbies. At the Guthrie (Okla.) JCC, Desrein Nash's hobby is designing clothes, and she has a real talent for fashion design.

Desrein displayed over 10 original clothing styles and designs during a Guthrie fashion show. Corpsmembers acted as models to show her designs at their best.

"I've been sewing and making clothes for a long time, and I like designing because it makes people happy," Desrein says.

Originally from Brooklyn, N.Y., Desrein came to Guthrie in March 1981 and later enrolled in the Center's ACT program. She is pursuing her studies in fashion design at Langston University.

Modeling some of Desrein's fashions are Corpsmembers Barbara Ross and Kevin Knight.

NEWS & NOTES

Gainesville Drill Team Brings Home Trophies

Proud of their record are six Gainesville (Fla.) JCC Drill Team members with sponsor Richard Grady (center, holding trophy). The team has been adding trophies to the Center's case since it started.

Members are (kneeling, from left) Captain Ernest Chappell and Joann Clark and, standing, Sharon Milton, Floyd Byrd, Grady, Lorene Harvey, and Thomas McGovern.

San Jose Students Deliver the Turkeys

Tossing a dollar in a collection box is one way of helping your neighbor; the San Jose (Calif.) JCC Student Government has found a better way. They purchase the good deed—in this case, in the form of plump turkeys—and then carry it right to the recipient's door.

Putting themselves in the good neighbor picture above are (from left) Tammy Ozuna, Debbie Kelsey, and Esther Aguirre. At right is Rec Supervisor Anna Lee.

Ouachita Gives Blood

By Al Munz, Ouachita Counselor

Ouachita (Ark.) JCC was honored recently by the United Blood Services of Hot Springs, Ark., for being the top donor for local organizations in 1981. The 187-man Center contributed 439 pints of blood to the "Gift of Life" campaign.

The only other local organization to come close to Ouachita's record was Lake Catherine Footwear Shoe Company, which donated 259 pints.

Corpsman Council members are making a strong push to beat the 1981 record in 1982. One of the incentives has been an all-sports day for Corpsmen and staff when a quota of 75 pints is made in 1 day.

Shown above is Corpsman Jessie Robinson, who makes donating blood look easy.

Gary Corpsmembers Get Work Experience

That employment application question, "Have you had any work experience?" doesn't scare Gary (Tex.) Corpsmembers. By the time they are graduated from Gary, they have accumulated 45 days of experience.

Jim Furr, job placement coordinator, says, "Our students learn that employers are looking for dependable people who can produce, get along with fellow workers, and get to work on time."

Furr continues, "With the present job market, employers are looking for experienced people. Our students can list 45 days of work experience, and they can list work references."

On their way to their work experience sites above are (front row, kneeling, from left) Sylvia Salinas, Sandra Scott, and Elizabeth Forney and (standing) Tracy Davis, Larry Hutchinson, Debra Brooks, Jubile Vaugh, Angelia Livingston, and staff member Ignacio Garza.

NEWS & NOTES

Let's Hear It for Detroit!

If newspaper headlines are getting you down, don't despair. The news out of Detroit isn't all bad—there's a Job Corps Center there where the news is strictly good.

Toni Allen, GED instructor, says her class decided to spread some good will in a city beset with employment cutbacks and layoffs. They donated funds to purchase canned goods and other useful items for families in need and presented them to the Capuchin Community Center.

The Corpsmembers asked for donations of money ($1) or foodstuffs from home to prepare the baskets. The group that spearheaded this effort included Gwendolyn

Harvey, Gary Brown, Jerry Smith, Freddie Hunter, Curtis Walker, Alfonso Horne, Carlos Foster, Reanne Keys, James Harris, Roberlyn Lisbon, Darryl Smith, Marilyn Jenkins,

Deborah Lowery, Roland Foster, Robert Thomas, and Cheryl Payne.

In case you're wondering if that left any time to study for the GED, instructor Allen sent photos of three GED grads: Top right, Darryl Smith, and top left, Sidney Lucas and Robert Thomas.

Crystal Springs and JACS Hold Exhibition

Anyone with any questions about Job Corps in Jackson, Miss., got their answers from those who know best—the Crystal Springs Corpsmembers and JACS volunteers.

The Center joined with the Mississippi State Employment Service and JACS (Joint Action Community Service, Inc.) to provide the public with information about Job Corps.

The volunteers spent 2 days answering questions and encouraging young people to join Job Corps if they thought it could help them. The most asked questions were related to living arrangements at the Center, the sports program, the skills offered, and the academic program. The Crystal Springs volunteers could be 100-percent positive on all counts.

Top left, students and staff at the exhibition are (seated, from left) Corpsmembers Larry Shaffer and Johnnie Gibson and (standing) staff members Jay Norals and Daniel Davis with Susan Barnette, assistant director of the JACS Atlanta, Ga., office, at left.

Top right, the two students working in the Job Corps booth are (left) Yvette Ellis and Carla Owens. Standing is Jim Stokes, Mississippi State Job Corps coordinator.

Bamberg Drill Team Gets Going

The Bamberg (S.C.) JCC Drill Team has performed in every major parade in a 100-mile radius of the Center. Under the direction of Dan Middleton, the team now is dressed in uniforms that match its spirit. Above, modeling the Bamberg look are platoon leaders (from left) Albert Lindsey, Henry Berry, Timothy James, and Benjamin Watkins.

PEOPLE

Donald Swigart: "I finally reached my goal. I dropped out of school and always wanted to complete my education." Donnie is an automotive trainee.

Debbie Sheldon: "I worked very hard to get it, and I am glad that I passed the test. In the near future, I plan to go to college and major in counseling." Debbie is a welding trainee.

William Snyder: "I was happy to get the GED. It was a challenge to me. I had tried before, but I failed. Now, I have finally reached success." William is a heavy equipment trainee.

Ricky Baker: "I was happy to get my GED. This will help me in the future. I couldn't make it in school. Job Corps has really helped me develop my reading and vocational skills." Ricky is a carpentry trainee.

Mingo GED Grads Say It Was Worth the Effort

Seven Mingo (Mo.) JCC GED'ers comment on the experience of getting the GED and what it meant to them.

Troy Kramer: "I was happy to get my GED. I am grateful for the help from the teachers and staff. Mingo is a nice place to be and the people are very helpful." Troy is a welding trainee.

Brandi Grimes: "I felt real good about getting the GED. I worked hard in education and in the dormitory. I am planning to go to college and major in some phase of training in the medical field." Brandi is a welding trainee.

James Dale: "Well, I feel like I broke through a barrier. Without the help from the teachers and staff at Mingo, I never would have gotten it." James is a heavy equipment trainee.

Matt Nychay Will Be Missed

Job Corps lost a good friend. Matt Nychay, vice president of Coyne American Institute, died November 19, 1981.

Nychay was a Job Corps "original." Back in 1965, he drove a Coyne American portable welding van to Job Corps Centers to start welding programs while shops were still being built.

Nychay never stopped working for excellence in welding and in Job Corps welding programs. He laid the foundation for the program—training, motivation, and placement.

Nychay impressed everyone he met—Corpsmember or staff member—with his dedication to the trade of welding and the importance of Job Corps in producing this country's best trained welders.

Nychay will be missed

Center Turns Coed

The Lyndon B. Johnson (N.C.) JCC is the latest Center in Job Corps to turn coed, with the arrival of 12 Corpswomen.

The 12 will be joined by 10 more each week until 55 Corpswomen are housed in the newly renovated and decorated dorm. They will work alongside the Corpsmen in carpentry, welding, painting, auto mechanics, and other areas of training, including clerical.

At right are (front row, from left) Barbara Bennett, Tammie Shuler, Joy Nobles, Nina Cooper, Helen Diaz, and Dorm Manager Barbara Miller and (second row) Judy Teasley, Lori Lee, Robin Henderson, Marie Smith, Laura Lattimore, Linda Dennis, and Judith Lindsay.

PEOPLE

Friends Share Experiences at Hubert H. Humphrey JCC

When you're leaving home to launch a new life, such as in Job Corps, it's nice to make the trip with a friend.

In the photo above, Marian Northway (left) and Sheri Burns are standing in front of the bus terminal in Brainerd, Minn. It is a scene that will evoke memories for any Corpsmember who once stood in front of a bus terminal, wondering what the future would bring.

For Marian and Sheri, it was the start of a journey for both that could end in such far-flung places as southern California and Houston, Tex.

Both Corpsmembers say they found the Hubert H. Humphrey JCC in St. Paul, Minn., to be everything they expected—and more.

"There are some super people here," says Sheri. "I know everyone now and there's always something to do." Sheri tells about the basketball and volleyball intramurals, the trips to the roller skating rink, and other recreation that keeps her occupied after classes.

Sheri plays volleyball and is a rec aide. She also hopes to become a security aide soon.

Marian says she has made a lot of friends and that she has found the Center to be everything she hoped for, too. "People are easy to get along with here," she says. "You can talk to the staff, and they understand. It seems that they help you more," she adds.

Marian is in health occupations now, but plans to transfer to office occupations. When she completes her training, in about a year, she plans to move to southern California. She has a sister living there. But Marian hopes to have a job first; then she'll make her move.

Sheri and Marian are both politically involved. They are alternate delegates to the State convention in their local precincts. Sheri is on the precinct credentials committee as well.

Sheri, who is in office occupations training, plans to spend the full 2 years at the Center getting all the training she can. She lived in Chicago before moving to Brainerd and will either move back to Chicago or try Houston, Tex., when she is graduated. "There's plenty of my kind of work in Houston," she says, "and I have cousins there."

By the way, the two friends from Brainerd are roommates at the Center. They agree that, when you start something new, it's good to have a close friend nearby. (Photo courtesy of Jim Garney, *Brainerd Daily Dispatch*.)

Pittsburgh Dances for Children's Hospital

Everyone likes to dance, sure—but for 12 hours? You have to be a dedicated dancer to last that long on any dance floor.

But 40 Corpsmembers from the Pittsburgh (Pa.) JCC gave it their best at the dance marathon held for the benefit of Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh.

They started at 1 p.m. on a Friday afternoon and discoed until 1 a.m. Saturday morning.

What does it take to endure 12 solid hours of disco? Sore feet, cramps, and pulled muscles. A fondness for the music is helpful.

Said one Corpsmember, "I'm thankful I can dance. What about the kids in Children's Hospital who can't walk or are too sick to walk?"

Corpsman Lewis Meyers confessed that this was the most dancing he'd ever done in his life. "I can't wait to go home and show my sisters that I can dance now," he said.

Friends, relatives, and staff pledged donations for each hour danced. Over $545 was donated to the hospital. Shown above, Corpsmember Sandy Stamm presents the check to Harold Leubs, hospital administrator, with the help of Corpsmember Connie Winbush (second from right) and staff member Cherryl Chambers (at left).

Glenmont Grad Is Salon Manager

Two years ago, Brian Fenner enrolled in the Glenmont (N.Y.) JCC to study cosmetology. Today he is the manager of Normandy West, a hair styling salon in Guilderland, N.Y. Fenner received his state certification to be a hairdresser in New York while in Job Corps.

Fenner says his favorite job is creating new styles for his customers and "seeing them smile when they see their new look." His memories of Job Corps focus on the staff: "They treat you like gold."

FROM YOU

What Is Job Corps?

Job Corps is a place that gives young people a second chance to straighten out their lives.

Then, all we do is complain and say, "Write me up, take my money, and send me home." Just think about it—we should pay closer attention to what we are saying.

Ask yourself, Why did we come to Job Corps? Nothing's a paradise; we've got to earn it. If we can't make it in Job Corps, then I doubt if we can make it in the real working world.

We must understand that, everywhere we go, things are going to be different.

And dealing with the food program—that's right, we even complain about the food. And one-third of us wouldn't have come close to getting three balanced meals a day. If only we knew what we were doing to the children who can't get food as easy as we can.

So, people, we need to think about what we are doing. It's a very serious problem. Not only are we hurting the starving children of the world, but we are also hurting ourselves. Think about it.

Curtis Ricks
Earle C. Clements (Ky.) JCC

Don't Worry

Don't think you can hurt me,
It's impossible now.
At first, when I was naive,
It was easy for you to hurt me.
But not now.
I've cried too many tears,
Felt too many heartaches,
Thinking you never meant the things you said.
But being here, away from home,
I've learned to overcome—
Overcome my tears,
Overcome the heartaches.
So don't worry about hurting me,
It's impossible now.

Deborah Lea
Los Angeles (Calif.) JCC

Moral Music

Today you live
Tomorrow is unknown
The classic of this record
Is the sound of the tone.
Today you may live with mother,
Tomorrow, daddy may have gone.
The moral of this music is now—
You're on your own.
If you don't understand the lyrics,
Try to sing the song.

Melvin Freeman
Turner (Ga.) JCC

Diamante

Kathleen L. Mewing, GED English instructor at the Clearfield (Utah) JCC, writes: "A form of poetry called 'diamante,' because of its diamond shape, was created by Iris M. Tiedt at the University of Santa Clara, Calif. It is easy to write, but you must know the parts of speech.

"The GED classes in English at Clearfield enjoyed writing diamantes, and we have enclosed a few for *Happenings*."

Here's the formula for a diamante:

Line 1 one noun
Line 2 two adjectives (describe the top noun)
Line 3 three participles (end in -ed or -ing; tell about subject)
Line 4 four related nouns (start to make a change)
Line 5 three participles (lines 5 and 6 lead to noun in line 7, which is opposite of noun in line 1)
Line 6 two adjectives
Line 7 one noun

The last noun need not be the exact opposite of the first noun.

El Barrio,
Happy-joyful,
Walking-wondering-playing,
Songs-shouts-parties-laughter,
Cruising-hopping-scraping,
Weird-beautiful
Cars.
by Alfonso Vizcarra

Library
Quiet, comfortable,
Reading, thinking, writing,
People, machines, books, counter,
Talking, walking, running,
Loud, noisy,
Home.
by Tracy Case

Women
Fat, skinny,
Loving, caring, talking,
Food, perfume, bed, dishes,
Rocking, knitting, laughing,
Quiet, helpful
Grandma.
by Sheldon Short

Rodeo
Tense, rough,
Riding, fighting, drinking,
Hats, spurs, ropes, saddles,
Falling, rolling, fainting,
Gentle, quiet,
Hospital!
by Vince Jesse

Love
Kind, affectionate,
Loving, caring, sharing,
Dreams, houses, people, families,
Culminating, enjoying, anticipating,
Beautiful, wonderful,
Marriage?
by Kathy McFall

Pretty Intelligent Nice Kind Young Lady

Love is
Being with you.
Doing the things we so much love to do.
Love is sharing;
Love is caring;
Love is the feelings we share.
Together, we make not one,
We make a pair.
Love may cause mental pain,
It's a feeling that sometimes love is in vain.
Love can mean nothing more than a kiss and a handshake.
Love is hard at times to give up and forsake.
At the end, love is nothing more than a memory or thought,
Of the many, many feelings you've fought.
But love can be what you make it.

Willie Bryant
Kittrell (N.C.) JCC

You Can Make It When You Want To

Right here is the place to be,
While I study hard for my GED.
And passing it is all I want to see.
Some people do things right; some, wrong.
But most of them, I can't condone.
What you make of yourself is what you are,
But, as you see, I haven't made it too far.
This is the last thing I have to say:
If you want to, you too can make it at LBJ.

James K. Russell
Lyndon B. Johnson (N.C.) JCC

FROM YOU

April Fool's Puzzle

Tired of cliches? The next time you hear one, throw it back at the speaker with a question: "How quick *is* a wink? How fast *is* greased lightening? What *is* the snail's pace?" Just in case you're the one who's using the cliches, this puzzle offers multiple answers—one of which is correct. The answers are on page 16.

1. How much would you drink if you drank like a fish?
   a. A gallon per hour
   b. As much as you can squeeze out of a stone
   c. It depends on whether it's salt or fresh
2. How slow is a snail's pace?
   a. About 2 inches per minute for land snails
   b. Faster if escargot is on the menu
   c. About 4 inches per hour on a hot day
3. What time does the "early bird" get up?
   a. About the time the early worm gets up
   b. At 6 a.m.
   c. A half hour before sunrise
4. What is the cost of an arm and a leg?
   a. $3 million for the Bionic Man
   b. $8.50 a pound for a leg (of lamb)
   c. Arms cost $18.50 and legs, $100, at a mannequin supply house
5. How blind is a bat?
   a. Totally blind
   b. Partially blind
   c. Legally blind

The rest of these aren't cliches—just curiosity satisfiers. Try your skill with mundane questions that usually get wrong answers:

6. How many gallons does a ten-gallon hat hold?
   a. Ten, of course
   b. One-tenth of a gallon
   c. Three-fourths of a gallon
7. Who invented Venetian blinds?
   a. Venetians, of course
   b. Japanese
   c. Louis Braille
8. Where were Chinese checkers invented?
   a. China, of course
   b. Sweden
   c. Japan
9. Where was the battle of Bunker Hill fought?
   a. Bunker Hill, of course
   b. Beverly Hills
   c. Breed's Hill
10. The Canary Islands were named for what creature?
    a. Canaries, of course
    b. Dogs
    c. Yellow parakeets
11. What are camel's hair brushes made of?
    a. Camels, of course
    b. Dromedaries
    c. Squirrels
12. Where was the Woodstock Festival held?
    a. Woodstock, N.Y., of course
    b. Bethel, N.Y.
    c. Woodstock, Md.

Questions and Answers about Job Corps

1. Is Job Corps for anybody?

No, it isn't. Job Corps is for people who want to get a trade, education, and self-respect.

2. If I wanted to get out of Job Corps, what should I do?

Stick with it for awhile longer. Talk to some friends at home to see how the jobs are there.

3. Can I go home and get the same business that I get here?

No, there is no place where you can get free food, clothes, plus a little money.

These are some of the things that were on my mind when I first got here. But now I know the answers.

Tony C. White
Cass (Ark.) JCC

The car drawn by Inland Empire (Calif.) JCC's John Perry is definitely not that Center's driver's ed car.

Do What Is Good for You

When times are hard and things are tough, and you want to quit because you've had enough, just keep moving along that road of life—doing it one day at a time.

No one ever said that life was a crime, so go after what is good for you.

Give a hand to someone in need, for they will return your good deed. Try to be happy with yourself, and not what you could be some day. Rest your thoughts in a place close by, not too far away. Then you can say, "I'm okay," and do what is good for you.

Look in your heart, not in your head, and always try your best. If you do that, then the rest will fall into place for you. Keep an open mind and a happy soul, then you can reach your final goal and do what is good for you.

Don't put your feelings by the wayside because, if you do, you can't say you've tried. Don't lock your dreams in a lockbox and throw away the key. Be satisfied with all you have, and if you do do what I've said, you can do what is good for you.

Larry Gant
Blackwell (Wis.) JCC

You're the Best

I remember the night we met,
You're the one I'll never forget.
The moon, the stars, everything was right,
You've changed my life since that night,
Oh, baby, you're the best.
You wanted love and affection,
I fell in love without hesitation.
Remembering us both saying we cared
Is the best thing I've ever shared.
Although we're far apart,
You'll always remain in my heart.
Thinking of you brings love into my heart,
And happiness into my life.
Oh, baby, you're still the best.

Carla Shack
Albuquerque (N. Mex.) JCC

Winners

Winners are those who have achieved the goal in whatever they have engaged in. Sometimes a winner can be a person who tries hard at what he or she is doing but constantly fails. Who is a winner? A winner is someone who never stops doing what he or she wants to get done. We are all winners in one way or another. We can be better winners if we help one another.

So, I ask, "Who is a winner?" A winner is one who'll probably say, "I can't, but I will."

Maurice Lee Donnell
Grafton (Mass.) JCC

FROM YOU

ARIES the Ram
March 21-April 20

Ask an Aries, "What are the main characteristics of your sign?" and he or she will probably reply, "We're stubborn, pigheaded, outspoken, vital people. We are filled with pride, and that is usually our downfall."

"Such a negative self-image!" comes to mind. But, stop and think about it. "Stubborn, pigheaded"—aren't those two negative words for perseverence and sticking to one's goals? "Outspoken" is a word that invokes two sets of reactions: mouthy and opinionated on the one side; brave and honest on the other.

"Vital people"—there's nothing negative there. Vital means full of life and vitality, in the middle of every project—doing, performing, and living life to the fullest.

But, "filled with pride" is another two-way street. Self-respect is in one lane on a collision course with conceit, in the oncoming lane.

"Usually our downfall," implies that Aries falls down a lot. Nothing could be farther from the truth. The sign named for the ram can't be anything but sure-footed. Aries may stumble, but fall? Never.

So, how can Aries work to remove the negative self-images? First, the next time Aries decides to stand firm on an issue or decision, Aries should ask this question: Is putting my foot down this time an example of mindless stubbornness or thoughtful perseverence?

Before Aries voices an opinion, he or she should ask these questions: Is my opinion needed? Am I contributing something thoughtful or interesting to the conversation? Or did something just occur to me and I can't keep my mouth shut.

Lastly, pride has to be earned; conceit comes easy. When Aries takes pride in something, he or she should ask these questions: What did I do to achieve this? Something? Good, then I can be proud of my achievement. If not, well, that's where the danger lies.

It's A Sad Heart

It's a sad heart that won't love like it should.
Love is raked up in a pile of leaves and blown away in the wind.
It's a sad heart that cries in the deep of night.
It's emotion that always puts up a fight,
A constant evasive battle that shakes the floor of my wall,
An ever-ready beginning that becomes lost with time.
Love that was a cracker box and leftover stale,
In my heart, there dwells an emotion, there to guard that rail.

Debbie Shickman
Westover (Mass.) JCC

Friends

Friends are what we can't do without;
Having fun with and talking about.
Color of skin doesn't matter,
If they are skinny, chubby, fat, or fatter.
Choose your friends wisely, choose them well,
Because there are those who want to ring your bell.
Don't judge them because they're girl or boy;
It's their company you must learn to enjoy.
Sooner or later you'll both go separate ways,
To hopefully meet again another day.
Lastly, it's not hard to say "hello" or "hi,"
The knot of friendship is easy to tie.

Sam Jackson
Tulsa (Okla.) JCC

If I Were a Kite

If I were a kite,
I'd play all day.
I'd talk to the clouds
And run away.
I'd talk to the sun
and say it's fun,
I had a nice journey,
The day is done.

Sandra Castiglioni
Grafton (Mass.) JCC

Love

I am either a big softy,
Or a big lofty, but I'm hopelessly in love,
And it took more than a shove.
I've got a guy who's cute as can be,
And sits at home waiting for me;
Whose kisses are soft and sweet as wine,
And I can proudly say that they're mine,
all mine.
I love him more than words can say,
In a soft, gentle, and very lasting way.
Right now, we're many miles apart,
But he is always with me in my heart.
For nothing can destroy a love so pure.
It's a disease I have, and I want no cure.
It's the greatest feeling I ever had.
But being here (not there) makes me sad.
For happiness is counting the stars on a warm, summer night,
And holding my guy, oh so tight.

Darla Ferguson
Tongue Point (Oreg.) JCC

Answers to the Puzzle on Page 15

1b (fish don't drink water); 2a; 3c; 4-all of the above; 5b; 6c; 7b; 8b; 9c; 10b (the Romans named it for the wild dogs on the island—Insulus Canarias); 11c; 12b.

HAPPENINGS

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At right, small-engine repair trainee Ezell Cooper replaces the head on an outboard motor.

Far right, business trainee Joey Sills practices telephone manners.

Above, the welcoming committee in front of Little Rock JCC includes (from left) Joey Sills, Carol Bean, Jean Osborn, Schenia Manuel, and Kenny Griffin.

Above, taking a lunch break are Kenneth Johnson, Joan Fitzpatrick, and Carol Matthon.

At right, Schenia Manuel is a poet who believes in stopping to smell the flowers.

Check-In to the Future at Little Rock JCC

If you ever wondered what motel living is like, you should visit the Little Rock (Ark.) JCC. The Center facility was once part of a well known motel chain. "The motel was almost new when it closed down," says Center Standards Officer George Ivory. "So, it was in very good condition when Job Corps took it over."

The eight-story building is located near a major highway in downtown Little Rock, Arkansas' capital city. The covered entrance leads into a large, carpeted lobby with sofas and chairs. The registration desk has been converted to a security desk by maintenance trainees, and the motel restaurant is now the Center cafeteria.

"Living here is like staying in a really nice motel," says maintenance trainee Kenny Griffin. "It's beautiful. Each dorm room has its own bathroom and we take elevators wherever we want to go."

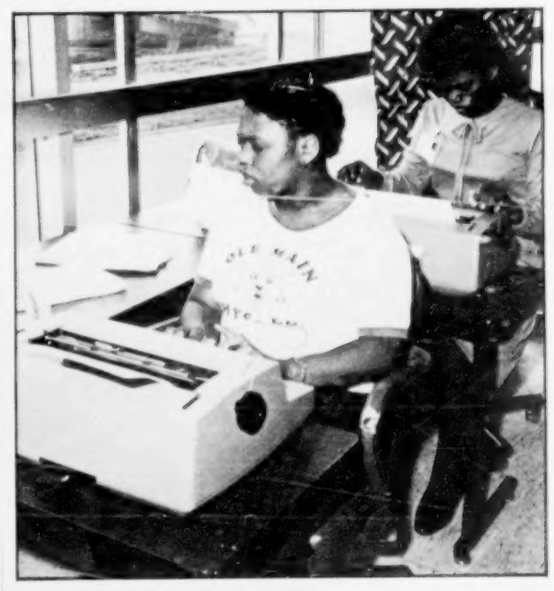
Kenny leads the way to the elevator. "We'll go up to the fourth floor," he says. "That's where most of the training takes place."

Training

Little Rock JCC offers training in health

Far left, building maintenance trainee Steve Corbin wires a circuit at the electrical module.

At left, Kenny Griffin shows off one of the grandfather clocks constructed by maintenance trainees.



Far left, small-engine repair trainees (from left) Clifton Young, Sidney Boatwright, and Ezell Cooper show off some lawnmower engines they recently repaired.

At left, business trainees Renee Sanders (left) and Subrina White race the clock in typing class.

occupations, building maintenance, office occupations, small-engine repair, culinary arts, and air conditioning and refrigeration repair.

Rudolph Howard, director of occupational training, says that, while a motel is a good place to live, it doesn't necessarily provide the best situation for training. "Because of the way this motel was designed, we had to put our training areas on an upper floor," says Howard. "This has meant coping with dust and noise."

Howard says that one factor has cut down on the noise and dust. "Many of our training areas use prepackaged training programs. These programs use slide projectors and modules with hands-on projects that allow students to work at their own pace."

Building Maintenance

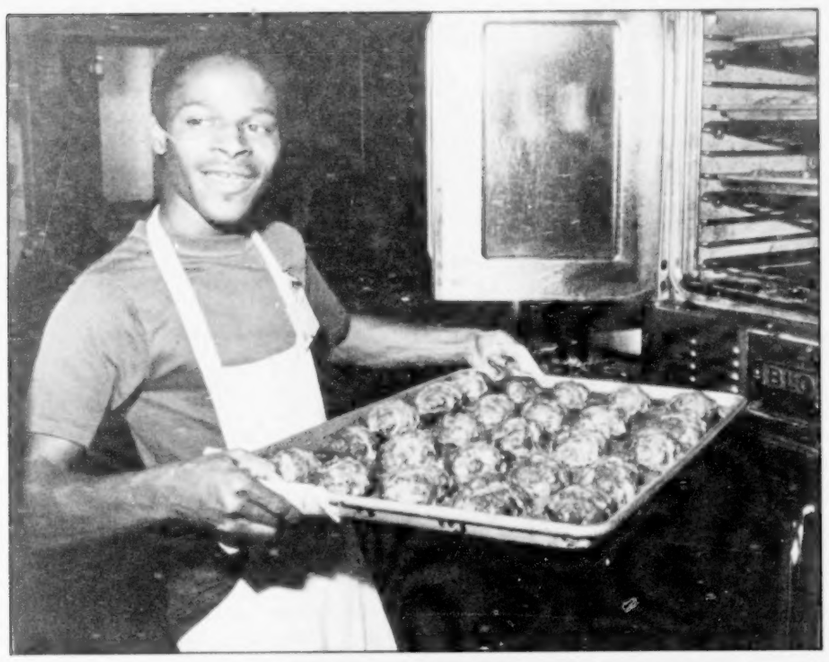
The modules come to life in the building maintenance classroom. Steve Corbin follows a slide/tape lesson on wiring a circuit at the electrical module. "Come back in a few minutes, and I'll have this light working," says Steve, pointing to the mockup he is working on.

In the back of the room, Lucas March explains how he veneered a clock he designed and built himself. Nearby, Calvin Smith sands a picture frame; Carol Bean practices using a hand saw; and Victor Williams demonstrates his skill at the table saw.

Instructor Ernest Black says that he likes his trainees to have a lot of different work experiences. "Students learn electrical, carpentry, glazing, and painting," says Black. He adds that, although each module stresses the basic skills of each trade, he wants his students to learn a lot more. "The students have individual projects and help on jobs on Center in addition to their module projects."

A New Center

Little Rock is one of Job Corps' newest Centers. It opened its doors to Corpsmembers in June 1981. Eleven Corpsmembers were graduated in February. "Our first

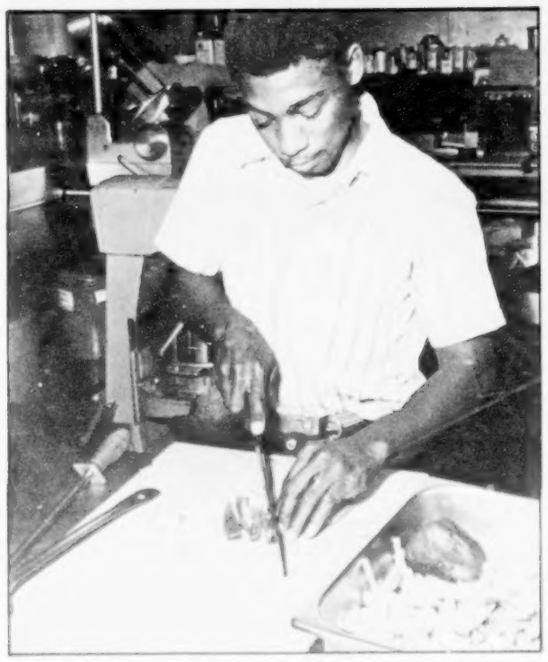


Above, culinary arts trainee Gary Conley helped prepare the salisbury steaks on the tray he's holding.

At left, culinary arts trainees Charles Simons (left) and Kathryn Clay practice table setting.

At left, Beverly Morris shows Wesley Starks the fine art of billiards.

Below, health occupations trainees Shirley Hill (left) and Schenia Manuel give "Henry" a bath.



At right, culinary arts trainee Billy McForling slices green peppers.

graduation was a real morale booster," says Center Director Semon Thompson. "It told the other Corpsmembers that graduation is possible and that, if they work hard, they'll make it, too."

"Making it" is why many of the 190 Little Rock Corpsmembers came to the Center. "I came here with no skills," says business trainee Joey Sills. "Now, I'm on work experience doing typing, filing, and general office work. I'm also getting my driver's license and my GED. I think I did myself a real favor by coming to Job Corps."

Kenny Griffin says that he wouldn't want to be anywhere else right now but in Job Corps. "I dropped out of school in the ninth grade and spent a lot of time going from job to job trying to make some money. I couldn't earn a living because I didn't have any skills or an education. I came to Job Corps because I wanted more out of life. I want to be proud of what I do."

Jean Osborn says that she came to Job Corps because of a dream. "I don't have big dreams or ambitions," says Jean, "but I've always wanted to work with patients in a hospital. I'm taking health occupations and I think I'm going to have my dream."

To reach her dream, Jean must learn 99 health occupation skills as presented on tapes. She will also have 9 weeks of classroom training in bed making, patient care, and many other skills before her 6-week work experience at a local hospital. "The program is interesting," says Jean, "and I don't mind studying to reach my goal."

Food Gets A Good Review

One criteria of a good motel is how the guests judge the restaurant. At Little Rock JCC, most students say that the food is good. Corpsman Kenneth Johnson says that the meals are usually tasty. "We almost always get a good meal," says Kenneth, as he consumes meatloaf, corn, french fries, homemade rolls, and cherry pie.

Carol Bean says that, although Little Rock JCC isn't perfect, it does have a lot going for it. "I've learned a lot about people since I've been here," says Carol. "The opportunity is here, you just have to take advantage of it."

Timber Lake Corpsmembers Talk About Their Center

Something's always happening at the Timber Lake (Oreg.) JCC. But the busy staff and Corpsmembers took the time to send *Happenings* the stories and photos on these three pages.

Timber Lake is located in the Cascade Mountains in western Oregon. If you like scenery that features mountains and tall trees, Timber Lake is for you. Even if you don't like the great outdoors, Timber Lake has plenty to offer, including one of the finest kitchens in Job Corps. In fact, if you like to cook, Instructor Dick Traice is the person to see. But let a Corpsman cook tell you about that program.

Testimony of One Corpsman

"My name is Randy Holland. I would like to tell you about the Timber Lake cooking program.

"I enjoy working from 0400 in the morning to 1400 in the afternoon. But it has its ups and downs, especially in the morning when you're half asleep and in the middle of cooking breakfast.

"I feel somewhat important and have a great responsibility. It's important that a person knows he is being depended upon for something such as cooking a full course meal for over 200 Corpsmen.

"It's encouraging for somebody to tell you, 'delicious steak,' and you can get it in the Timber Lake kitchen.

"As a matter of fact, you can go to Treasure Island in San Francisco and become a butcher, baker, salad chef, room steward, or chief cook."

Painting Is a Wonderful Trade

Corpsman Don Cavness enjoys the good food at Timber Lake, but his main interest is his trade—painting. He writes:

"Painting is a wonderful trade to be in. It is six trades in one—that is, carpet laying, wallpapering, drywalling, tiling, texturizing, and, of course, painting.

"Our instructor's name is Earle Hinton. He is one of the best instructors at Timber Lake. After working for Mr. Hinton, I found what I was looking for.

"Why is painting a wonderful trade to be in? First, you learn how paint can make environments more beautiful. Also, during your training you travel [to work sites] and meet different people as well as others in your trade. Finally, a well trained, experienced painter can easily find work for excellent wages.

"The Corpsmen in painting go out of their way to help a new trainee who comes into the trade. They also help out other Corpsmen who live on Center.

"The first rule we all learn in painting is always to have initiative, motivation, and a positive attitude."

Far left, Bryan Smith is one of the first to enter the new, Corpsman-built 56-man dorm.

At left, a favorite Center trip is the Cascade Crest Trail on Mt. Hood.

A chef sandwich, with chefs Herb Prouse (far left) and Dave Workinger (far right) flanking their trainees (from left) Fernando Miller, Nathaniel Gardiner, Leo Jackson, Duane Nelson, Randy Anchen, and Mike Sherman.

Welding Is Alive and Well

Meanwhile, Thomas Alvarez has some news about the welding program to pass along:

"The welding program is doing very well here at Timber Lake. We welders are taught how to read blueprints and do fabrication and layout work.

"We have made several large water tanks and are in the process of finishing 60 barbeque pits for area campgrounds.

"The instructors in the welding trade teach us how to do gas welding, ARC, metal intergas, and tungsten intergas welding.

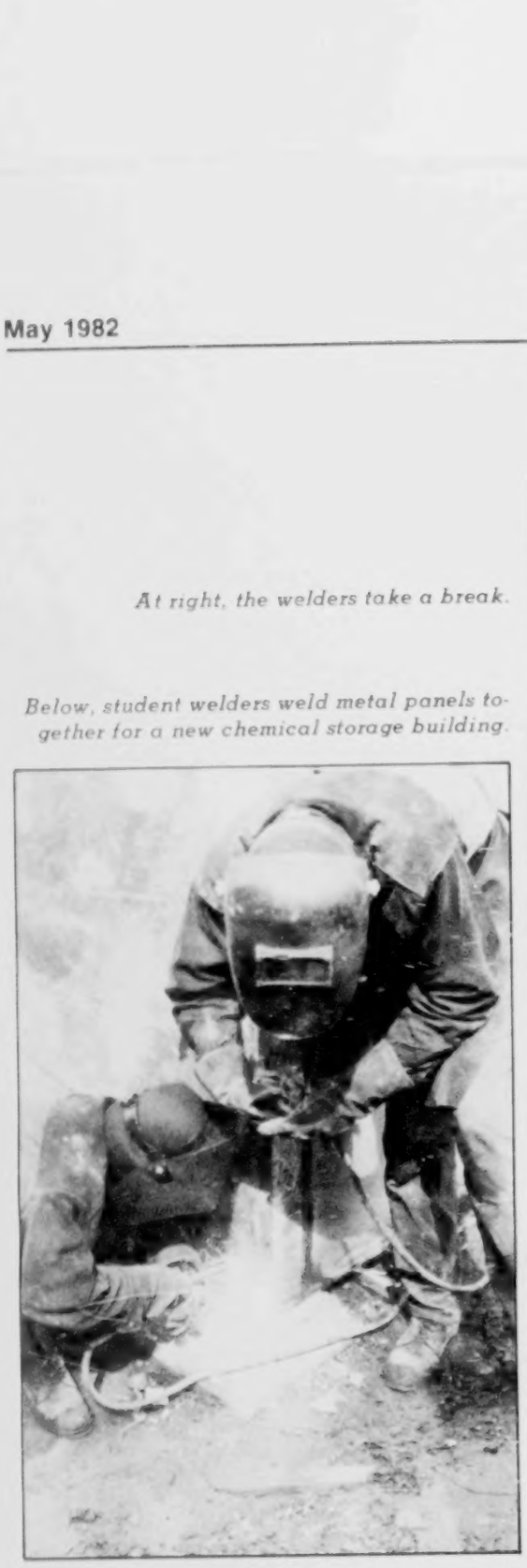
The instructors encourage us to take our certification tests, which prove we can weld vertically and horizontally and can do overhead welding. It takes about 6 months to complete the welding program."

A Nice Place for Birds, Too

The foresters and carpenters of Timber Lake got together on a project that has made

At right, the welders take a break.

Below, student welders weld metal panels together for a new chemical storage building.



Below, union plasterer trainees with instructor Gene Jennings (left) are (from left) Gaylon Chatmon, Robert Martinez, Keith Revels, Larry Sherman, and Curtis Kennedy.

Below, honor guard drill team member Glenn Blackwell welcomes visitors to a Timber Lake open house.

a lot of birds happy. The carpenters built bird feeders and houses from plans suggested by Counselor Chuck Smith. The forestry students, under the direction of Mike Hampton and Steve Hartwig, placed the feeders by the four birdbaths already on center.

All this is making Timber Lake a "wild bird landscape area," according to Smith. Native wrens, creepers, and swallows have been joined by large numbers of visiting birds—travelers on their way north for the summer.

Forestry Is . . . Forestry

Chatts Alexander writes: "The life of a forester is not to be taken lightly. Surveying land, burning slash, planting trees for new growth, hanging nesting sites, or clearing fire trails is back-breaking work. Foresters walk miles to get to their work site in any weather. But it's a rewarding career to those who appreciate the beauty of the great outdoors.

"Foresters are strong-willed people whose minds are filled with ecological studies of the forest and man's survival. Where would life be with only concrete walls and roads as our surroundings?

"It would be a loss not to have the forester to manage and protect the forest from society's damaging progress. This handful of mother earth's children with their knowledge of her secrets strive for that goal."

The United Brotherhood of Carpenters

Jose Gomez writes about the union carpentry program: "Our carpentry program deals with construction of houses, stores, and building complexes. Our program also deals in interior finish, such as cabinetmaking.

"Our four instructors are Earl Mooney, Frank Wahl, Swan Nelson, and Elmore Reese. The coordinator of the program is Burl Corbin. Each of our instructors has over 20 years of experience in the carpentry trade.

At right, painting instructor Earl Hinton is surrounded by his crew (from left) Terry Ellis, Mike Cabines, Louie Romero, Hinton, Darryl Young, and Joe Ochoa.

They took first place in the Portland, Oreg., Metro League: kneeling, from left, Chad Porter, Robert Brown, Rich Mittemiller, Neville Ford, George Alvarez, and David Sawyer and (standing) Paul Johnson, Ernest Greenwood, Larry Bernal, Duane Nelson, James Parker, Carlos Buffin, Derrick Reed, Trevor Bassue, and Dan Hill.

At left, they took first place in the Job Corps Regional Tournament: kneeling, from left, Reggie Thomas, Trevor Bassue, Degnan Cox, Captain Reggie Harrison, and George Alvarez and (standing) Coach Gordon Schuler, Loyal Goodman, Albert Ellis, Dino Cool, Billy Sazin, and Captain John Johnson.

Above, landscapers get down to business: from left, Joe McCoy, Ray Hollis, Anthony Nash, Valentino Rodriguez, Darryl Straham, Rommell Ellis, Reggie Harris, and Instructor Ron Matlock.

"To complete the carpentry program, a student must complete 10 skillblocks. A skillblock is a building project that stresses a certain skill.

"When a student completes carpentry, he gets assistance in finding a job almost anywhere in the United States."

The Plastering Trade

Curtis Kennedy says, "The plastering trade is a very nice trade to enter.

"If you do not like to work hard, don't get into it. It's more than just applying material to walls and ceilings. It also consists of some construction work—labor, in other words.

"I, myself, love to work hard for a living. And once you get into the plastering trade, you will find that it's not as hard as you thought. All things are difficult before they are easy.

"Gene Jennings is our plastering teacher."

Cement Masonry Is More than You Think

Darryl Stevenson, Bobby Cotton, and Rick Wise collaborated on the following description of their trade—cement masonry:

"Cement masonry is not just mixing aggregates, water, and cement and floating and troweling it after a waiting period. We also do ornamental work, as do our fellow union workers, the plasterers.

"Cement masons do a variety of things. We make sidewalks of many shapes and sizes, and we can even color the cement blue, black, green, or red. We do tilt-ups and steps.

"Even though cement masonry is a dirty job, it makes you feel good just to look at something you did that will be around for a long time.

All the Rest. . .

Fred Jones writes about the Corpsman leadership training; Dana Blatt writes about the Corpsman Council; Lloyd Cornelius and Ron Kercheval write about the building maintenance trade. Vernon D. Carroll tells how the trades get together on a building project:

"The cement masons put the cement foundations in first, so the carpenters can set the framework up. After we are finished with our part, the plasterers set their sheetrock up to make the walls. Finally, the building maintenance people put up lights and do the inside work. The foresters cut wood to make firewood. Then there are the cooks who prepare the meals. After work, we go eat."

It looks like Vernon Carroll has pretty well summed up Timber Lake. The photo on page 5 of Corpsman Bryan Smith on the steps of the Corpsman-built Osprey Lodge dorm shows that the system described by Vernon works rather well. Timber Lake is *the* place to be.

Old Dominion GED'ers Take a Trip

by Cora Von Salm,
Old Dominion Staff Member

Dig into your pocket and pull out a nickel. Look on the back and see Monticello, home of President Thomas Jefferson.

The Old Dominion (Va.) JCC GED class visited Monticello. The trip was not only educational, but was a great opportunity to enjoy the beautiful Virginia countryside. We chose the perfect day to explore the home of our third president and the writer of the Declaration of Independence.

Our trip started with an hour's bus ride to the visitor's center at the base of the mountain outside Charlottesville, Va., just below the site of Jefferson's home.

The class viewed a film of Jefferson's early life as a lawyer and his part in the formation of the revolutionary government. Those were dangerous times. At one point, a horseman rode all night long to warn Jefferson and other rebels of a British trap. Had Jefferson been captured, he would have certainly been hanged.

From the visitor's center, our bus wound its way up the twisting, narrow mountain road to Monticello (which means "little mountain" in Italian). The European influence is evident throughout the 40-room mansion and the grounds.

Jefferson was not only a statesman, but had many other interests, including architecture, agriculture, education, and literature. He designed the house, landscaped the gardens, designed and founded the University of Virginia, and had an extensive library of books in several different languages.

Jefferson was also an inventor. He invented a clock that not only told time, but the days of the week. He invented a writing machine that made three copies along with the original.

Some of the windows in the house could be converted to doors. The stables were built underneath the house along with a unique icekeeping chamber that was used to hold ice brought from the mountains.

After touring the mansion, the class visited Jefferson's gravesite. We then returned to Charlottesville, where we toured the University of Virginia. It was a great trip.

This is some "back porch"—but Jefferson lived in style.

This is the front door of Monticello, where the Old Dominion Corpsmembers paused for a picture.

This view of the mansion shows how a window is transformed into a door—a Jeffersonian architectural invention.

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It Was "Son than sa buy!" at Susquehanna

"Son than sa buy!" means "everybody enjoy" in Laotian. Everyone at Susquehanna (Md.) JCC speaks a little Laotian, now, since the 11 Laotian Corpsmembers there showed everyone how to celebrate the lunar new year.

"It's just like Thanksgiving," says Louang Khamphilia, who explains that, in Laos, they would celebrate the new year with a big meal.

So, it was no surprise when the 11 took over the kitchen and produced a Laotian thanksgiving: delicate eggrolls, a stir-fried dish of pork and vegetables, and curry soup.

Staff member Paige Eversole says that watching the soup go into the bowl was like watching the creation of a work of art. The Corpsmembers put cabbage and parsley sprigs in a bowl and heaped steaming spaghetti noodles over them. Pork and potatoes nestled in the spaghetti, and then a thin curry soup was ladled over the entire mixture, which was topped off with fresh lime.

Barbara Dyer, a Susquehanna cook, says some of the ingredients surprised her, but she pronounced all the dishes delicious.

In addition to the Corpsmember-prepared dishes, cafeteria staff prepared egg drop soup, fried fish, sukiyaki, fried rice, and sweet-and-sour carrots as part of the regular lunch menu.

Center, Lee Neng (left) and Noukone Khemmanivanh squeeze limes to make a sauce for the eggrolls, as Sengmany Sisouriykhoth watches. At left, Sysomphone Luanglath slices tomatoes and minces garlic for stir frying.

Glenmont Students Bring Cheer to VA Hospital

Once a month, a party is held for patients of the Veteran's Administration Hospital in Albany, N.Y. The nursing assistant and culinary arts students of Glenmont (N.Y.) JCC were asked to host one of the parties.

Cookies and juice were supplied by the culinary arts group and the nursing assistants dispensed cheer at the hospital.

Shown above, they are (from left) Anna Jackson, Robyn Douglas, Scott Russell, and Danny Grand with Instructor Ione Carey.

Glenmont Corpsmembers Join Career Fair

Glenmont (N.Y.) JCC Corpsmembers and staff participated in a careers fair for high school students. Because they understand the confusion young people experience when making decisions about the future, the Corpsmembers could give some good advice. They also had brochures and a movie to help carry the message.

Representing Glenmont and Job Corps above are Corpsmembers Margarita Cruz and Shyzett Fields and staff member Jeannine Rinella.

Gainesville Director Dies

Joseph W. Harrison, Gainesville (Fla.) JCC director, died March 24. Harrison was active in Job Corps for nearly 10 years, starting as a counselor at Pittsburgh (Pa.) JCC in 1973. He was personnel director at the Jacksonville (Fla.) JCC in 1978, and traveled on to Gainesville in 1979 as personnel director. He became Center director last October.

Harrison is survived by his wife and two sons.

PEOPLE

Iroquois' Ruth Kinch Goes on to College

Last fall, during the Job Corps National Expo in Washington, D.C., one bricklayer stood out as giving the job that extra oomph that marks the dedicated worker. Her name is Ruth Kinch and *Happenings* is not surprised to learn that she is now attending Southern Vermont College.

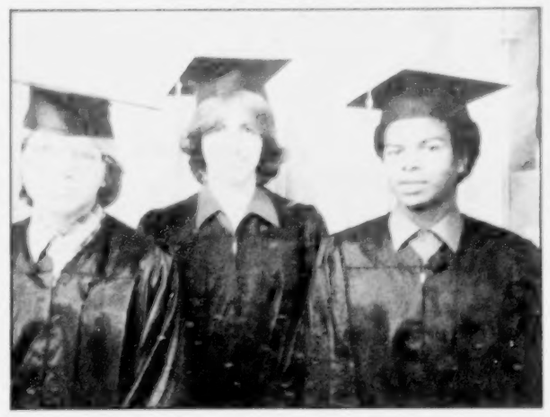
Iroquois (N.Y.) JCC staff member Art Hoffman writes about Ruth: "Ruth Kinch is barely 5 feet tall; your first thought is, how can she possibly hold her own in one of the most physically demanding programs at Iroquois—brick masonry? The answer is that just holding her own is not her style. Kinch represented Iroquois at the Job Corps Expo last fall and placed ahead of all other female contestants.

"While in Job Corps," Hoffman continues, "Ruth earned her GED. She was compelled to quit school in the 10th grade to care for her younger brothers and sisters. Ruth has

17 siblings and is the first one in her family to attend college."

Ruth says about her Job Corps experience: "I was able to gain self-confidence and become more independent. Job Corps really opened a lot of doors for me."

Above, Ruth is being congratulated by Assistant Center Director Joseph Nagel on her acceptance into college.



Treasure Lake Grads Are High Scorers

Good things come in threes at Treasure Lake (Okla.) JCC. In this case, three high-scoring GED grads impressed the Center with their "brain power," according to Center Director Royce E. Robinson. They are (above, from left) Jack Lourwood, Richard Hughes, and Andrew Parms.

It Can Be a Long Walk to Job Corps

It's 138 miles from Houston to Gonzales, Tex., as Corpsman Le Long (John) Ho can tell you. "I wanted to enroll at Gary (Tex.) JCC," Ho explains. "When I didn't hear from the government officials, I decided to walk there."

After days of walking, drinking from roadside streams, and eating candy bars, Ho arrived at Gonzales. There, he purchased a ticket for nearby Luling, where his family once lived. The ticket claimed the rest of his cash, but he was among friends.

"When Ho's family moved to Houston from Luling, they failed to leave a forwarding address," explains Gary Counselor Jim Scanland. "The screeners did not know how to contact him."

But Ho says that the long walk wasn't really much of an ordeal for him. "We escaped from Vietnam in a 3-by-18-foot boat. We lived on grass roots and tiny portions of rice. Our drinking water was sea-water boiled over an open fire."

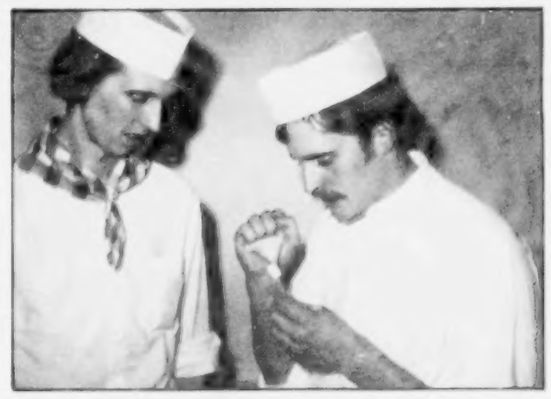
They landed in Thailand, where they were flown to Hong Kong, Korea, and then Hawaii. The next stops for Ho's family were

Los Angeles, San Antonio and, finally, Luling.

At Gary, Ho is studying two trades—machine stop and sheet metal shop. He will soon take the test for his GED. He has taken leadership training and has been named student-of-the-month twice. Ho learned English before leaving Vietnam. He also speaks Chinese, French, and Tagalog, a language spoken in the Philippines.

Ho helps other Vietnamese students to learn English and also finds time for his favorite sports—running, walking, and soccer.

"I spend much of my time motivating Gary students," Scanland says, "but Ho has taught me the true meaning of the word, motivation."



Boxelder Grad Holds Workshop

Scott Ellendorf returned to the Boxelder (S. Dak.) JCC to hold a 3-day workshop on baking and cake decorating.

Ellendorf is Boxelder's second culinary arts graduate to move on to the Treasure Island National Maritime Union Job Corps Training Center in San Francisco, Calif.

Ellendorf was graduated from Treasure Island in February after a 6-month stay. He concentrated on waitering, bartending, and baking.

Ellendorf is presently waiting for his ship to come in—preferably, one bound for the South Pacific.

In the photo above, Corpsman Steve Elliott watches while Ellendorf demonstrates how to make a rose.

SPORTS

Keystone: Tops in Northern Division

Dave Sugarman, rec coordinator at the Keystone (Pa.) JCC, has two winning teams. Both ended the season with 10 and 0 records in the northern division of the Mideastern Job Corps Athletic Conference.

Top left are (kneeling, from left) Dennis Burroughs, Will Robinson (behind Burroughs), Henry Burke, Michael Smith, Wayne Younger, and Eric Snow and (standing) Tony Butler, Larry Boxley, Danny Robinson, Cory Lathan, and Frank Haynes. Men's team coaches are Curtis Cox and Mack Daughtry.

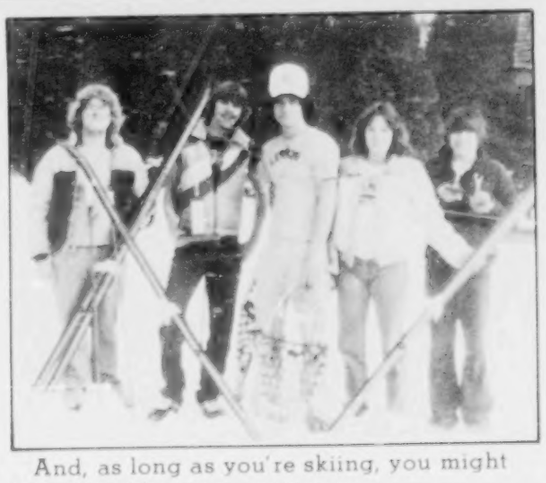
Top right are (kneeling, from left) Coach Deb Gabriel, Margo Adkins, Kim Ambrose, and Lisa Jackson and (standing) Toni Mitchell, Daphine Fleet, Janice Boyd, Yvette Pinn, Mary Heard, Shirley West, Sonya Queen, and Cynthia Mills.

Boxelder Bobcats Are Winners

Boxelder (S. Dak.) JCC Instructor Janet Schaefer writes: "The Boxelder Bobcats have ripped through the basketball season this year, smashing both Center and city league division records. The Bobcats scored 22 wins and 3 losses and are seeded first for the tournament play with a good chance to finish first in the tournament.

"This season's Bobcats set a new record for Boxelder and the League by winning more than 20 games in a single season." In the photo below, Bobcat stars are, first row from left, Coach Walt Dansby, scorer Lynelle DuMarce, Burnell Oka, John Hopkins, Joe War Bonnett, and manager Bill Herberg; second row, Frederick Dupree, Harry LaCroix, Artie Big Eagle, and Van Buffalo; and third row, Glenn LaCrois, Mike Hultgren, and Glenn Wells.

In the photo above, Harry LaCroix performs a backwards slam dunk—one way to make your team a winner.



Trapper Creek Skiers Compete

The winter of 1982 will be long remembered by the Corpsmembers of Trapper Creek (Mont.) JCC. Nestled in the mountains, the Center got its share of weather in a winter that was unusually harsh.

But turning adversity to advantage is something Trapper Creek knows a lot about. If there's 6 feet of snow on the ground, what do you do? Ski on it, of course.

And, as long as you're skiing, you might as well hold a competition.

The temperature was 10 degrees below zero—that's Fahrenheit—the day the Corpsmembers set off for Lost Trails Ski Resort on the Montana-Idaho border of the Bitterroot National Forest. The results of the downhill race were Phoc Vo Phan, first; Carl Parsons, second; Mike Harrison, third; and Mike Hodge, fourth. Lisa Kreil won the female race.

In the snowshoe race, Tom Wilson took first, with David Seidler second and Doug Anderson third.

In cross-country skiing, Brian Remington came in first with David Seidler second.

The downhill skiers are shown in the photo at the top left, with the cross-country skiers top right (with the symbolically crossed skis).

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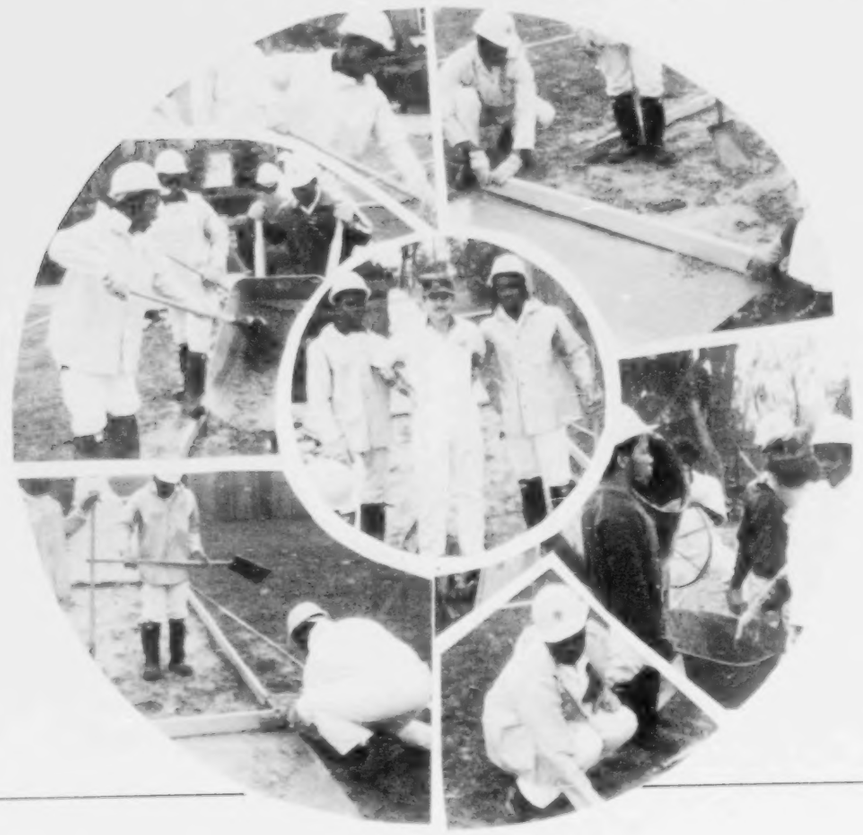


Sidewalk to Success at Jacksonville

Jacksonville (Fla.) JCC's nonresident counselor, Nina Waters, has done it again. She put together the collage at left, which she calls "Sidewalk to Success."

Standing in the center, surrounded by students, is Mike Zachary, cement finishing instructor at Jacksonville. The Corpsmembers are shown mixing, placing, screeding, and finishing a concrete sidewalk at the Jacksonville Zoo.

The job started the hard way—breaking up and removing 25 feet of old sidewalk.

This is only one of many community service work projects completed by Zachary's students and others at the Center. Electrical, plumbing, cement finishing, and carpentry are the four trades most likely to be practiced outside the Center in a public location, to the benefit of the city of Jacksonville.

"The Corpsmembers get the work experience," says Waters, "plus the knowledge that they have done something for others."

Job Corps Song Launched at Turner

Dr. Russell W. Ramsey, Center Director of the Turner (Ga.) JCC, has written a song for Job Corps. The first presentation took place at the Center's graduation ceremony.

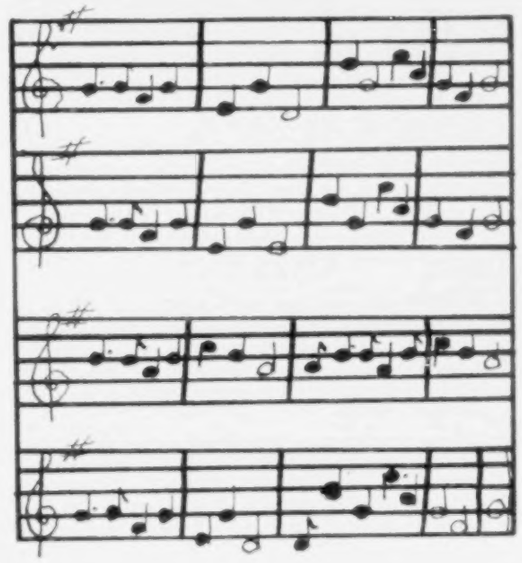
The song was arranged for orchestra and choir by Dr. T. Marshall Jones, professor of music at Albany State College. The Albany State concert orchestra and a combined choir from the college and Turner performed the verses.

The song, which is performed to the tune of "Carmen, Ohio," better known as the Ohio State University song, is reprinted here.

Job Corps Alma Mater

Proud Corpsmembers' voices raise;
To sing our Job Corps hymn of praise;
For strength and dignity we yearn;
Earnestly we strive to learn;
Guiding hand and heart and mind
Daring new success to find;
Treasure now our Job Corps days;
As all through life she guides our ways.

With voices raised one million strong;
We sing our mighty Job Corps song;
Born in 1964;
To open wide the shuttered door;
Confident and proud are we;
To seek the path of quality;
Job Corps gives us hope to build;
Our country's dreams and ours fulfilled.

Many races, many creeds;
Come to Job Corps with their needs;
Sisters, brothers all are we;
Working well in unity;
Building up our country strong;
To her future we belong;
This our song the Nation heeds;
America shall know our deeds.

In fellowship and work unite;
That Job Corps' name be ever bright;
From city, farm, and town come we;
To build our lives and destiny;
Work and learning shall prevail;
We shall not our country fail;
Job Corps strengthens heart and hand;
To build our lives and guard our land.

Above left, Ramsey presents a GED diploma and full Job Corps completer diploma to Corpsmember Loretta Hampton. Loretta is a nursing assistant grad with plans to go on for a college nursing degree.

PEOPLE

Alberto Zapata Is Outstanding Corpsmember

Working 10 hours a day at low-level jobs and hoping to attend college while struggling to improve his English had put Alberto Zapata in a no-win situation.

Someone intervened and suggested that Alberto explore Job Corps and what it has to offer. Alberto enrolled in electrician training at the San Jose (Calif.) JCC and turned his personal "program" around to one of certain success.

Just how successful Alberto's program is can be told in two words: Outstanding Corpsmember. Add to the Center's top award his work as a teacher aide in a Center basic reading class, and it is apparent that Alberto has conquered his language problem as well.

"Job Corps has given me an opportunity to learn a skill," Alberto says, "and has helped me with many other things—especially English."

The first thing Alberto did in Job Corps was to earn his GED. The last thing he hopes to do is to get a job and to save enough money to visit his family in Colombia. "I haven't seen my mother in 5 years," he explains.

Old Dominion Corpsmembers Wipe Out Staff

(on the football field)

It was 7 to 10 on the Old Dominion (Va.) JCC playing field, and the staff was snickering in premature triumph. That was more than the Corpsmembers could stand—they ran a last-minute touchdown to pull it off, 14 to 10.

The moral? Don't count your wins before they're won. Especially when you're dealing with the spirited Old Dominion gang.

The triumphant Corpsmembers are shown below, with the wiped-out staff on the bottom.

Students Take Over Store in Oneonta

By Franklin J. Kourt,
Oneonta Staff Member

The headline is somewhat misleading, but it says it all. The students at the Oneonta (N.Y.) JCC have indeed taken over a store and have done it very well.

Unlike newspaper headlines 20 years ago, this "student takeover" was not only nonviolent, but profitable as well.

The Student Store, formerly operated by the Center, was turned over to the Student Council. The Council felt that they knew best what students wanted and what hours would be best to have the store open.

As things turned out, they were right.

"What we're doing is stocking the things students want, that's the main thing," says Student Council President Steven Mills, shown above left offering a drink. Above right, Steven and Council member Charles Dore check the inventory.

Another offering that added to the store's popularity is the submarine sandwiches that the student operators make themselves.

Volunteers run the store, from making submarines to ordering the stock. Student Council Adviser Rich Peloquin says the store provides a valuable experience for the student entrepreneurs.

Another benefit is that any profits from sales are turned over to the student fund, which the Council uses to benefit the students as a whole.

FROM YOU

Me and My Life

My will shall shape my future,
whether I fail or succeed.
It shall be no one's doing but my own.
I am the power.
I can clear any maze
before me.
Or I can be lost in the confusing paths.
My selection.
I'm obliged to do or answer,
win or lose.
Only I hold the key to my
destiny.

Suzanne M.M.H. Stiehl
Delaware Valley (N.Y.) JCC

Stop, Watch, Listen, and Learn

Stop whatever you're doing wrong and do right.
Watch how people drift away from you and watch you.
Listen to the gossip, rumor, and lies of so-called friends and enemies. Don't take physical action, just stop, watch, and listen.
Once you have accomplished all of this, you will **learn**.

Joey Sills
Little Rock (Ark.) JCC

The Key to Success

No matter how much aggravation,
Or how much frustration,
You must live up to your own expectations.
No matter how dark the road may seem,
Everyone should have a dream.
Reach out for your claim, even if you don't reach fame.
You set a goal that will be yours to control.
For many don't understand
That success is within their hands.
You hold the key to your own destiny.
There are limitations to one's determination.
Keep one's desire to inspire,
Your will to build your foundation,
To do your occupation.
Sometimes things will go bad, but smile and be glad
That you see another day, because
Many have passed away.
So, go at your best for that key to success,
And when you reach the top, don't stop—
Keep going straight, don't hesitate,
For it's your life to live and God's gift to give.

James Carter
Gateway (N.Y.) JCC

Love

Love is like a flower, growing strong and beautiful, but ever so fragile.
When you think it is as strong as it will grow, it starts to die.
But love is like a flower, it will grow back again,
Stronger than before.
Love is like a flower.

Scott R. Shourds
Boxelder (S. Dak.) JCC

Heather Lovatt of the San Diego (Calif.) JCC sends her version of "Job Corps Blues," in her own cartooning style.

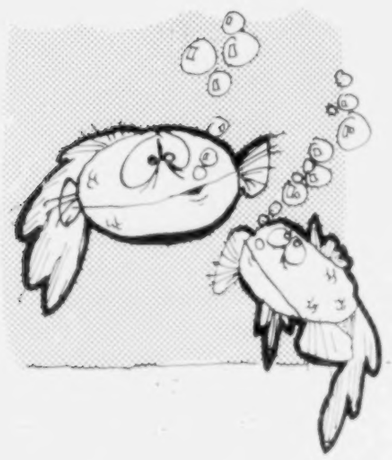
JOB CORPS BLUES
HEY APRIL, I HEAR YOU'RE MOVING BACK TO 179
YEP, HEATHER, I DON'T LIKE IT HERE IN THE HONOR DORM!
HEY WOW! I HAVE MY OWN ROOM NOW! FAR OUT!!!
YOU LOOK LIKE YOU COULD USE SOME HELP. MAY I ?!?
SURE! THANKS!
AH! THIS IS THE LIFE FOR ME! MY OWN ROOM. NO MORE ROCK-N-ROLL, IT'S JUST ME AND MY COUNTRY MUSIC!!!
ONE WEEK LATER
"Knock" "Knock"
HEATHER? HI, I'M TAMI, YOUR NEW ROOM-MATE
HI! NEED ANY HELP MOVING IN?
SURE! THANKS!
WELL..... IT WAS NICE WHILE IT LASTED!
BY: HEATHER LOVATT '82 SAN DIEGO JOB CORPS

To Run

No one needs to run away.
Running away will get you nowhere but in more trouble.
When you run from your problems, you don't lose them,
Running doesn't solve anything; you'll have more things to solve.
Running is not fun, not for anyone.
You just look over your shoulder and your problems will get you nowhere.
So, as you can see—and take it from me,
Running is no fun, not for any one.

Neala Dawn Sherrick
Mingo (Mo.) JCC

FROM YOU



Forever Happy

What is it about you
that makes me feel
so darn good inside and out?
I'm trying not to think about you,
but it hurts trying to do so.
My mind is so filled
with your warmth and softness,
that now I'm here in suspense,
wondering when I will see you again.
Then we both shall meet in happiness—
forever happy.

Ernest Thompson
Harpers Ferry (W.Va.) JCC

A Friend in Need

I'm not here to make your decisions,
I'm here to say goodbye if you decide to leave.
I'm here as your friend to help you along the rough times you've been through.
But as a friend, I'll stand behind your decisions.
Don't let your decisions stand in the way of your achievements.
You don't need something that brings you anger within yourself.
Don't let our friendship stop you in your decisions,
I'll always be here as a friend.

Deborah Giep
Denison (Iowa) JCC

The Fish-for-Dinner Puzzle

Imagine you are having guests for dinner and the main course is bouillabaisse (a French name for fish stew). Lacking a recipe, you decide to include a fish to represent each guest. For example, the geologist would suggest a rockfish. The ironworker would suggest a smelt.

Can you figure out which fish to add for the following guests?

1. Fencer _____
2. Tennis player _____
3. Carpenter _____
4. Shoemaker _____
5. Birdwatcher _____
6. Moneylender _____
7. Yachtsman _____
8. Astrologer _____
9. Lion tamer _____
10. Hockey player _____
11. Miami football fan _____
12. Trumpet player _____

The answers are on page 16; following are some hints. Catfish, Swordfish, Sole, Sailfish, Shark, Blowfish, Lobster, Sawfish, Perch, Dolphin, Skate, Starfish.

Jobby Land

We're gathered here from all walks of life.
Some of us black, some of us white.
But we all get along all right.
Jobby land gets hard at times, but a kind word from a friend can bring smiles.
Listening to music or playing pool—
All this is cool.
Go out to have fun, but be back by eleven,
Or a write-up you'll get, and it won't be sent from heaven.
In jobby land there's a lot to do,
Arts, crafts, bowling, skating, too.
Going home from jobby land with a GED and certificate and self-respect, too,
All these things jobby land can do for you.

Myzell Eno Foster
Columbia Basin (Wash.) JCC

Thoughts

Life is a circle.
The only difference is, when one returns to the scene, the world's best teacher is with one—experience.
Stray from the things that don't help your growth, but cling to those things that do.
If I can understand what you've been through, I can deal with why you do what you do.

Sheila Holman
Joliet (Ill.) JCC

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GED

Now that I have it, what do I do?
Do I take it to the employer for my interview?
Now that I have it, how should I feel?
Is it just a piece of paper or is it for real?
Now that I have it, I want to make a toast,
I want to jump up and down and scream so loud, it can be heard from coast to coast.
Now that I have it, I'm so happy I could cry, even though I knew I could get it if I gave it some effort and a try.
Now that I have it, I can feel and see,
What good and proud a feeling it is to have my GED.

Danielle N. DuBois
Delaware Valley (N.Y.) JCC

Job Corps: I Am Growing Up with You

I came in as a foolish person,
With no experience with anything.
From orientation through my training,
That's a long way to go.
With hopes, with wishes, and with practice,
I think, I learn, day by day.
From the languages to the sciences,
My brain is getting brighter and brighter.
Job Corps, Job Corps, you know what?
I am growing up with you.
You give me so much confidence,
Compared with what I first came.

Kin Sau Ho
Los Angeles (Calif.) JCC

FROM YOU

Taurus, the Bull

April 21-May 21

Strong and silent, unforgiving, relentless, and harboring a temper that can erupt with the power and majesty of Mt. St. Helens—that's Taurus. Strong, gentle, playful, kindly, and ever-so-slightly sentimental—that's also Taurus.

"Taurus is the best sign of all," says a friend who really believes in astrology. "Except for one trait," the friend continues. "Taurus is about as sensitive to the feelings of others as a brick."

Whether that's the case or not, sensitivity to the feelings of others is something we all can use more of. Now, Taurus, how do you increase sensitivity?

Stop talking and start listening—really listening. Don't just hear what people are saying, keep your ears tuned for the message *behind* the words as well.

For example, the person who says, "I don't care" often does care very deeply.

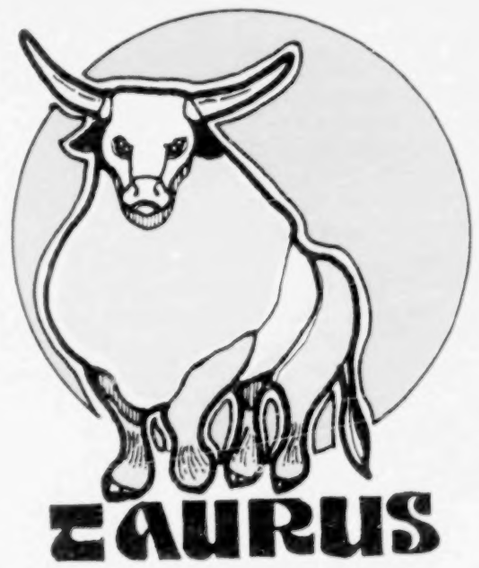
Watch people while they talk. Body language often tells as much as words spoken. The person who says, "Sure you can borrow my sweater," whose hands are clenched into fists probably prefers not to loan clothes.

The person who backs away when you're talking, even if the movement is almost imperceptible, may be saying, "You're getting too close. You're infringing on my space." That is, if "Your mouthwash failed" isn't the message.

Lastly, observe how people live. Someone who acts cheerful all the time may be frightfully unhappy underneath and really need a friend. How can you tell? Check to see how that person manages his or her daily life. A person who is sloppy and inattentive about personal habits is sometimes trying to tell people how unhappy they are.

Similarly, a person who brags a lot but doesn't take very good care of him- or herself may have an underlying sense of inferiority.

The message is, don't be taken in by the obvious. Look and listen, and then act on what you've learned. A person who is sensitive to others is "tuned in" to what's happening at more than one level. This advice is good for Taurus and any other sign of the Zodiac as well.



Answers to the Fishy Puzzle

1. Swordfish, 2. Lobster, 3. Sawfish, 4. Sole, 5. Perch, 6. Shark, 7. Sailfish, 8. Starfish, 9. Catfish, 10. Skate, 11. Dolphin, 12. Blowfish.

Life Must Go On!

When things get too uptight or just don't seem to go right,
Life must go on.
When someone you love goes to heaven or you lose your money on the "lucky" seven,
Life must go on.
When you get highly embarrassed because you trip or fall or you get stood up waiting for his call,
Life must go on.
When you think your world is coming to an end or you lost your guy to your best friend,
Life must go on.
When you wonder to yourself, why you're here, and you think of your future and you simply don't care,
Life must go on.
Life must go on if it's meant to be, and if it's not, you won't be able to read this poem from me.

Simone F. Whitted
Chesapeake (Md.) JCC

Confused

Love is confusing
It's hard for me to say
Because I am shy
When I talk to you.
When we argue and do not talk
I think of you and go for a walk.
I can never hate you, and this you know,
I just want our love to grow.
But in the end,
I will love as a friend.

Clifton Shaw
Oneonta (N.Y.) JCC

My Life as of Now

(Excerpted from a longer essay)

Education—learning, knowledge—is power. It propels one; causes one to grow, enhancing one's chance of success in life.

It is a highly technical world we live in, calling for trained and knowledgeable people to run it and enjoy it. If a person wants to be one of those people, getting an education is the best means of qualifying oneself.

Without an education, one's potential to work in this world, to help run it, is very limited. One's potential to understand it and to enjoy it sociably is very limited. An education is a stepping stone to finding work that will help one sustain oneself comfortably and happily.

Job Corps has provided me with some very valuable educational assistance. It has helped me to reach that first major milestone that's necessary in American society of a successful career-oriented person, and that is obtaining a high school diploma or its equivalent, the GED.

I now have certifiable proof that my education has reached, at the least, a certain esteemed level.

Donald E. Jones
Cincinnati (Ohio) JCC

My Moment with Manitou

Oh, dear Manitou, you have given me another gift and another day of life.
Help me to remember this as the day unfolds.
If today is shadowed by sadness or heartache,
Help me to keep my courage and faith strong.
Remind me to say "I love you" to those I love very much, because tomorrow might be too late.
Please let me find the time today to let others know I'm thinking of them.
Make me a bit kinder and more thoughtful than I was yesterday.
And, dear Manitou, please make the actions of my heart speak louder than the sound of my tongue.

Roger Goggleye
Hubert H. Humphrey (Minn.) JCC

A Change

A change has got to come in this old world.
The hatred and wars must come to an end.
We have got to learn to love one another and be friends.
Don't wait for the next man, just do your part,
And when he sees what you're doing, maybe he'll start.

Carolyn Alexander
Guthrie (Okla.) JCC

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Cover: Job Corps pioneers (from left) Denise Boyd, Jeffrey Eichler, and Maria Vargas pose in front of "The Wedding," a sculpture by Fred Olds that stands at the entrance to the Oklahoma Territorial Museum in Guthrie.

Far right, Charles Ackerman cuts grass. To his left is the cemetery, still cared for by Benedictine nuns.

At right, WICS Coordinator Valerie Cotton (center) is surrounded by Junior WICS volunteers (cockwise, from bottom left) Denise Boyd, Sylvia Herndon, Darron Franklin, Roosevelt Price, Linda Fryer, and Deborah Maness. They are sitting on the steps of "Big Red."

Guthrie JCC In the Pioneer Tradition

It was April 22, 1889. John W. McNeal, like thousands of other pioneers and would-be landowners, waited for a gunshot to signal the start of one of history's most incredible races—the race to stake a claim on unassigned land in the Indian territory of Oklahoma.

At high noon, the shot was fired. Men, women, and children raced on horseback, in covered wagons, and on foot to secure their piece of Oklahoma.

The land selected by McNeal is special. It

At right, Doris Thames was one of the original Corpsmembers at Guthrie when the Center opened. She now works as a secretary for the Oklahoma Historical Society.

Far right, Ginger Bellard shows off one of her comic calendars.

At right, painter and sculptor Fred Olds also is director of the Oklahoma Territorial Museum. He says, "The museum is strong on Job Corps. They've been good to us."

Far right, lithography student Jorja Nelson checks a form soon to be printed.

is now the location of the Guthrie Job Corps Center in Guthrie, Oklahoma.

These days, the race at Guthrie JCC is for training and education, but the Center is still a pioneer. For example, Guthrie was the first Center in its region to go coeducational, and it is the only Center in the country to be owned by the town in which it is located.

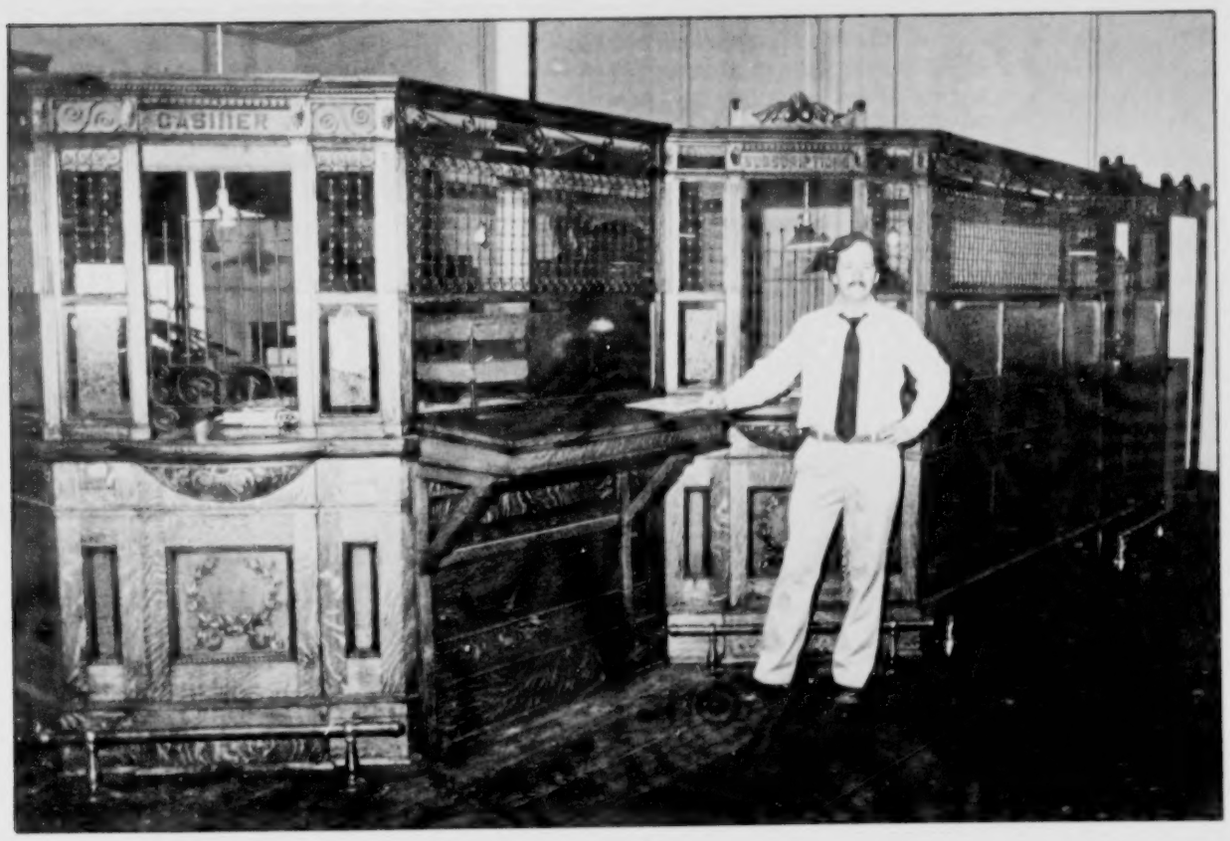
The Haunted House

Corpsman Arthur Nunez says that Guthrie JCC is a pioneer in other ways as well. "I'll bet that we're the only Center with a haunted house, a cemetery, and a hospital next door," Arthur says, with a laugh.

To understand Arthur's comment, you have to look at another page in the history of Guthrie JCC. "Big Red," the so-called haunted house, is a school building constructed in 1892 by the Benedictine order of teaching nuns on property donated by John W. McNeal. The school later became a college but closed in the early 1960's because of declining enrollment.

The town of Guthrie bought the property, except for a small cemetery still cared for by the nuns, and renovated Big Red to use as a Job Corps Center.

Guthrie JCC opened in October 1966.



Unfortunately, the first building—Big Red—had to be closed in 1978 and the Center moved into other buildings. Big Red is now boarded up and looks somewhat like a majestic haunted house. However, in the future it may be restored to its former glory.

"The whole town of Guthrie is being restored to what it was like during the early part of the century when it was the State Capital," says staff member James Simpson. "We're hoping that, someday soon, the Oklahoma Historical Society will get the money to restore Big Red."

Job Corps and the Restoration

In 7 years, the town of Guthrie will celebrate its 100th birthday. It's a safe bet that Job Corps will be on the invitation list for the party.

"Corpsmembers, especially those in the NAHB trades, have helped us a lot with restoration projects," says City Manager Paul Buntz. "They do excellent work and all

Above, the restoration of the city of Guthrie should be completed by 1989.

At left, Lloyd Lentz, curator of the State Capital Publishing Museum, says that Corpsmembers have donated over $15,000 worth of labor to the museum.

Far left, NAHB carpentry trainees Larry Harris (on ladder) and Dan Webster (with tape) work to finish the new office in City Hall. Below are Instructor Jim Knight with City Manager Paul Buntz.

At left, masonry trainee Lee Woosypiti is proud of his perfectly level wall.

the little extras that you wouldn't expect, like rehanging plants when they're finished."

Presently, the NAHB carpenters are building an office for the assistant city manager in City Hall. "You'll notice that all of the walls in City Hall have been painted," says Buntz. "Corpsmembers did that, too."

Down the street from City Hall is the State Capital Publishing Museum. The *State Capital* was the first newspaper to be published in Oklahoma. The building where the paper was produced was recently made a museum, and curator Lloyd Lentz says that Corpsmembers have donated at least $15,000 in labor for its rehabilitation. "They redid the restrooms and added a partition to enclose what will be our gift shop," says Lentz.

There is a large poster near the museum entrance thanking contributors to the museum. "You can see that we consider Guthrie JCC one of our main contributors," says Lentz, pointing to the Center's name on the poster.

From Past to Present

The town of Guthrie may be looking for its past, but on Center training is definitely up to date. Guthrie offers the trades of lithography, drafting, business and clerical, health occupations, electrical house wiring, warehousing, culinary arts, and welding. Also offered are the NAHB trades of carpentry, brick masonry, building maintenance, and plumbing.

Above, electrical trainee Jeffrey Eichler shows the proper technique of wire stripping.

At right, nursing trainee Glenda Walton weighs and measures Robyn Jackson.

Above, Charles Q. Sledge, counselor for the NAHB trades, helps maintenance trainee Billy Clark with a paperwork problem. Behind them is the counseling office, which is in the NAHB shop area.

At left, nursing trainee Donald Smith looks up the word "ausculation." Donald says that it means the act of listening for sounds in the body.

Below, electrical trainees (from left) Mary Munn, Lorie Humes, and Jose Villa practice house wiring.

Below, plumbing trainees Casey Gray (left) and David Pacheco thread pipe.

Lithography

Lithography is printing. Trainee Ginger Bellard says that she likes this trade because it gives her a chance to be creative. She shows off one of the creative calendars she designs and prints for the Center each month. The calendar is printed in two colors, black and red. "Using two colors means that I had to run it through the press twice," says Ginger, who calls herself Jinx on her calendar drawings.

Instructor Frank Lattimore says that lithography is one vocation that pays its way on Center. "We provide all the forms used on Center," says Lattimore. "We also do printing for nonprofit community organizations, like the Red Cross."

Lattimore says that students learn the basics of printing. "They learn to develop and process lithographic film and how to use the camera," says Lattimore. "They also learn to mask negatives and prepare plates for the offset press and to operate the printing presses."

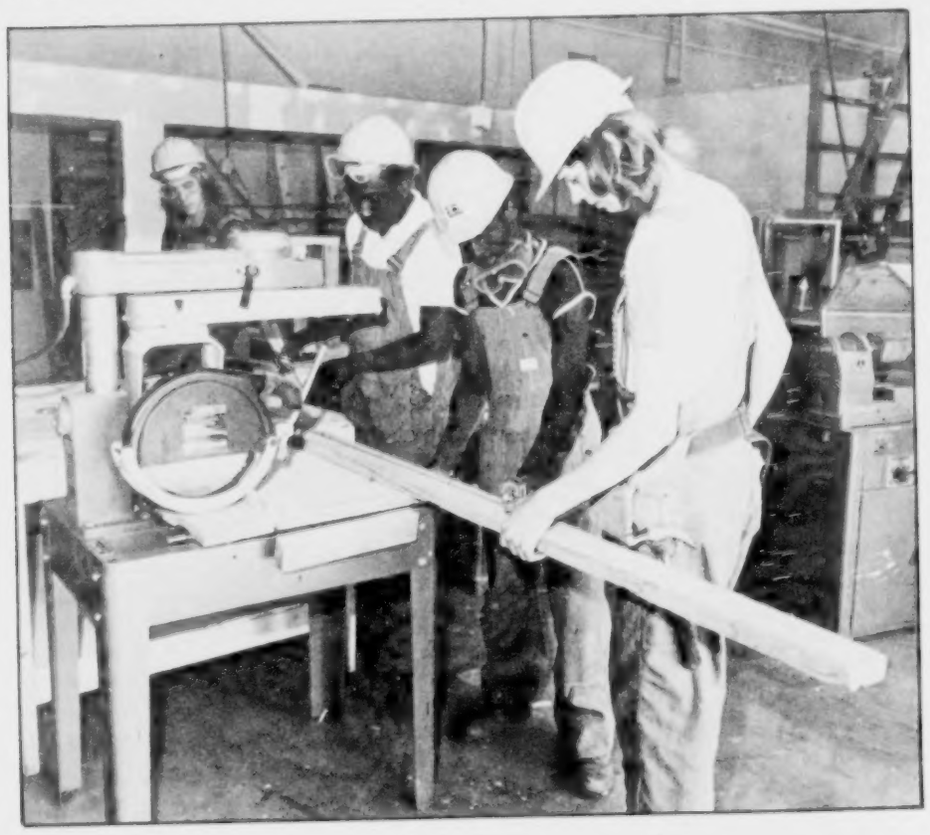
Drafting

Drafting Instructor Royce Wagoner says that there are a lot of opportunities for drafters in Oklahoma. "Look in the newspaper employment ads around Tulsa and Oklahoma City, and you'll see four or five pages of ads for drafters," Wagoner says.

According to Wagoner, placement for program graduates is good. "Any grad wanting a job can find one at a salary ranging from $5 to $6 an hour," he says.

Guthrie drafting students learn machine, electronic, and architectural drawing as well as mapping and civil and structural drafting.

The work in progress by several students demonstrates the variety of drafting skills they learn. Jacqueta Carpenter is drawing



Above, welding trainees Hattie Stevenson (left) and Diana Fernandez share a project.

Center, masonry trainee Walter Hooper cleans up cement from a just-completed wall.

Far left, it takes four carpenters to cut a board when you want your picture taken, say (from left) Don Turner, Larry Harris, Cornelious Paley, and Dan Webster.

Far left, Center Director Carl Hussman talks with drafting trainee Warren King. At left, Warren shows off the skills he's learned in the Guthrie drafting program.

plans for a video amplifier, Magdalena Gonzales works on a highway diagram, Windale Cooper draws a section of a rocking chair arm, and Leonardo Barbour finishes up a house plan.

Junior WICS

Nursing trainee Denise Boyd had no idea that she would become a pioneer when she arrived at Guthrie. "I was homesick and wanted to go home to Chicago," recalls Denise.

Fortunately, WICS Coordinator Valerie Cotton talked Denise into joining a group she was forming to visit the elderly in local nursing homes. Denise liked the idea and became one of the founding members of Junior WICS—the name the students gave themselves.

"We give birthday parties and hold dances at nursing homes and do all kinds of things for the elderly," says Denise. She says that it is not only fun, but her work with Junior WICS has also led to a job offer when she graduates. "The nursing home likes the way I treat old people and has offered me a job when I finish my nursing training," says Denise.

Recently, WICS officials learned of the Junior WICS program and liked the idea. "Junior WICS may spread to other Centers," says WICS Coordinator Cotton.

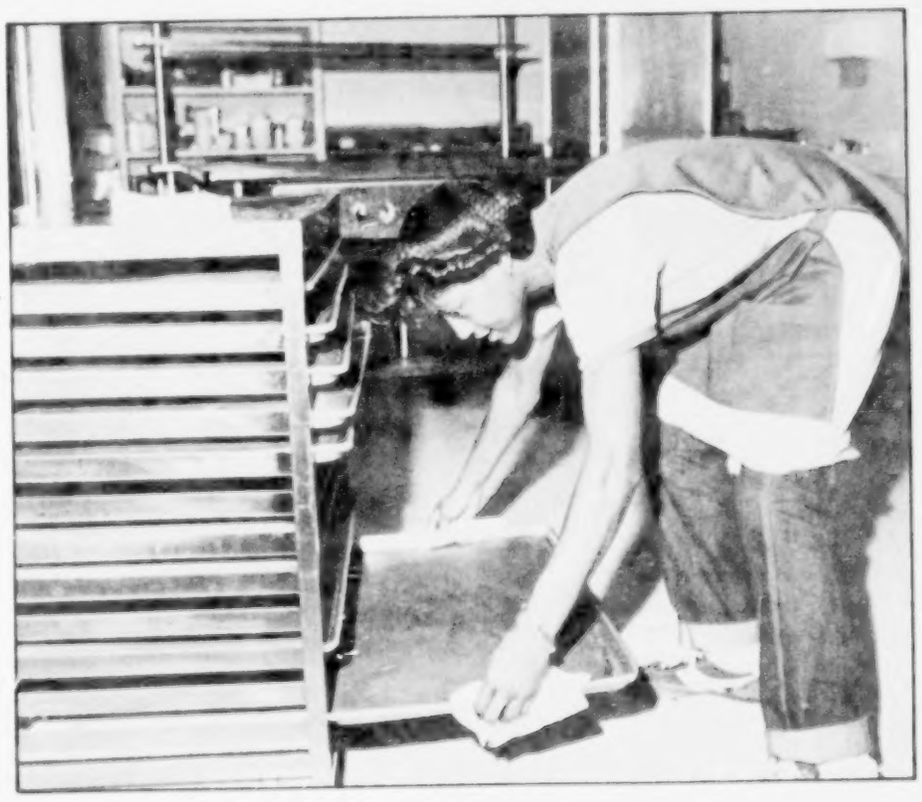
The Future

There's another museum in Guthrie called the Oklahoma Territorial Museum. In it, artist and museum director Fred Olds and others have collected artifacts and memorabilia tracing the history of the Oklahoma Territory.

"I wonder if Job Corps will ever be in a museum?" asks Corpsman Jeffrey Eichler, standing in front of a Fred Olds mural depicting the great land race of 1889.

Perhaps, when the town of Guthrie celebrates its 200th birthday, there will be an entire museum displaying Job Corps hammers, saws, printing presses, drafting boards, paint brushes, nursing class manikins, typewriters, trowels, welding torches, and mixing bowls and murals depicting its community contributions.

At right, culinary arts trainee Walnetta Hills puts a tray of gingerbread on the cooling stand.



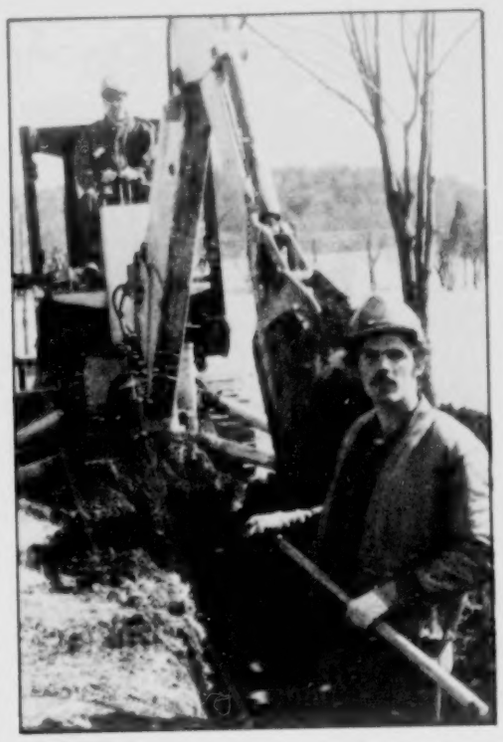
Far right, warehousing trainee Cathy Davis gets ready to pick up a load of boxes.

Rodney Young prepares salad for dinner.

Scenes from Jacobs Creek

Nestled away in the mountains of Tennessee is the beautiful Jacobs Creek JCC. That's one of the Centers that offers training in heavy equipment operation and diesel mechanics as well as union carpentry, masonry, and the usual trades of Job Corps. The national forest surrounding the Center is laced with roads and tourist facilities built by the Corpsmembers.

This page, which offers a brief glimpse of the Center, was taken from the Jacobs Creek *Informer*, the Center newspaper.



At left, Richard Gavin and Wayne Wallace install a pipeline at Observation Knob.

Below, Carpentry trainee Cliff Brown adds the final touches to a work project.

Cement finisher Pete Graves mixes cement for a Center walkway.

Above, Henry Jamisen and David Baker repair a hydraulic hose in diesel mechanics training.

At left, getting the word on jump starting a vehicle is Corpsman Pace with Instructor R. Guilmette.

Rams Are Champs

By Wayne Corder, Jacobs Creek

The Jacobs Creek Rams started off the 1981-82 basketball season by winning the Charleston JCC Invitational Tournament in West Virginia.

Eleven games deep into the regular season, the Rams were still undefeated. The Creek had reeled off 13 consecutive victories—a feat virtually unheard of in Job Corps basketball.

With five games remaining in the regular season, the Rams headed for North Carolina and a two-game road trip.

At Oconaluftee, the Rams suffered their first defeat of the season. When it rains it pours, because the next day the Rams traveled to Schenck JCC and again came up on the short end of the score.

The Rams returned to their home court and clinched the division title by defeating a strong LBJ team. That's the Southeastern Job Corps Athletic Conference Central Division title.

The Rams then split the next two games, defeating Columbia and losing to Flatwoods in the final game of the season.

The Rams finished with a 15 and 3 record, an outstanding record by anyone's standards.

Shown at left are (front row, from left) Michael Simmons, Larry Smith, Fred Anderson, and Vincent White and (back row) Coach Primus, Robert Hinson, Tony Hill, Emmitt Baker, Alfred Teel, Roderick Hopson, and Assistant Coach Ted Willis.

NEWS & NOTES

Schenck Corpsmembers Have a Heart

The local Heart Fund is $742.90 richer as a result of the efforts of the Schenck (N.C.) JCC. Twenty corpsmembers gave up their Saturdays for 2 months to collect for the annual drive.

In a surprising coincidence, the three top fund raisers—Mark Johnson, Victor Swinton, and Leonard Hadder—collected identical amounts—$127.03.

When asked why he had given up all those Saturdays, Hadder said, "I felt good about the chance to help people."

In the photo above are, front row (from left), Leonard Hadder, Warren Williams, and Jesse Walker; second row, Mark Johnson, Victor Swinton, Phillip Cockrell, and Paul Miller; and in the back row, staff member Dean Kirby, Thomas Isaiah, and Kenneth Stevenson.

TAT Training Pays Off, Say Corpsmembers

Knoxville, Tenn., spells World's Fair and Energy Exposition to most people. To Corpsmembers, Knoxville JCC spells a way to get advanced technological training.

Corpsmembers interested in the Training and Technology (TAT) program operated by Oak Ridge Associated Universities and Union Carbide Corporation, can transfer to the Knoxville JCC if they are old enough (almost 18) and can pass the math and reading tests at the sixth-grade level. They also must have 3 months' experience in Job Corps and a good record.

The advanced industrial skills offered are pipefitting, welding, machining, drafting, and physical testing.

Jimmy Searcy Tells What It Means

Jimmy Searcy is 19 years old, has an apartment, drives his own car, has a credit card and a "little money in the bank," and can speak for the pipefitting program.

Searcy was a member of the first class in 1980. He says, "You can't imagine the things you'll be able to do. You'll say, 'I did this; I can do more!'"

Searcy, shown above, is now employed at the Newport News Shipyards in Newport News, Va. He has had three raises since he started work in March 1981, and he expects two more this year. Searcy says, "And that's not bad for someone who, before Job Corps, was unemployed."

Another former Corpsmember/TAT student, George Humphrey, says "Go and get it. Don't turn back." Humphrey's first job after the TAT training was as a welder with the Brown and Root Company in Aurora, N.C. His starting salary was $9.15 an hour and he, too, has bought a car. Humphrey plans to buy a trailer when he gets his car paid off.

If you think you qualify and are interested in the TAT program, check with a staff member. Although it is sponsored by Region IV, the program is open to Corpsmembers from all over the country

Denison VICA Is a Winner

The newly formed VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America) chapter at Denison (Iowa) JCC is a hotbed of satisfaction these days. The club sent eight competitors to the State Leadership and Vocational Skills competition at the Des Moines Area Community College and returned with six winners.

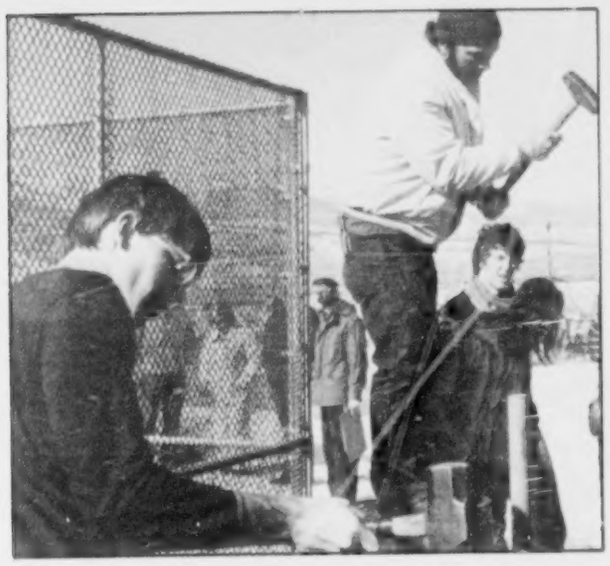
"Of course, they're all winners," says Ellis Francis, co-adviser of the club, "but it's great to see six of them wearing medals to prove it."

Francis is shown above left between Barbara Bodecker, a gold medalist, and Richard Collins, fourth-place winner in the job interview category.

VICA co-sponsor Marie Bechen (at left in the photo above center) is proud of her health occupations trainees—they came home with the gold, silver, and bronze. They are (from left) Barbara Osgood (silver), Laura Peterson (bronze), and Lori Johnson (gold).

Above right, Dong Van Lien (left) placed fifth in the super-tough welding competition. Rick Warner, instructor, and Giam Duong (right) are also shown. Po Van, who also competed, is not shown.

All those winners competed against post-secondary schools and colleges. They are now eligible to compete in the U.S. Skills Olympics in Louisville, Ky., this month.



Sierra Nevada JCC Works for WAIF

By SNJCC Staff Member Rhea Padellford

There are times when wild animals need medical care and temporary shelter. Twenty-five members of the animal caretaking program at the Sierra Nevada JCC are helping to care for the wild animals of northern Nevada. These young people spent several weekends installing new animal cages, repairing old cages, and cleaning the grounds of the Wild Animal Infirmary (WAIF) at Washoe Valley.

The infirmary was formed five years ago by Dr. and Mrs. James Laird. The Lairds have more than 30 years' experience in rehabilitating animals and returning them to the wild.

Forty-five animals and birds are presently being cared for at the WAIF, including hawks, owls, a raccoon, a mountain lion, three fawns, a coyote, and two golden eagles.

In the photo above left, Dean Hildebrand (left) and Roger Chaney hammer cage posts into the ground. Pictured above, John Mosser repairs an old animal cage. At left, Russell Sonderson picks up the wire for an animal cage.

West African Fashion Extravaganza

For the second year, students and staff of Albuquerque (N. Mex.) JCC took part in a dazzling West African fashion show. The event, sponsored by the University of New Mexico Black Student Union, was held at the University International Center.

Albuquerque Corpsmembers modeled exotic garb from Nigeria, Ghana, Mali, Gambia, Sierra Leone, and Senegal. Staff members provided makeup, fashion design, and photography. Corpsmember Sharron Owens coordinated the refreshments.

The models were Corpsmembers Gabriele Handy, Mary Ann Jackson, Margaret Moore, Theresa Smith, Wendell Robinson, and Shawn Wauford and staff member Earl Crisp.

In the photo above right, Shawn Wauford models a Nigerian agbada. Above left, Mary Ann Jackson poses in an embroidered tie-dye dress.

Clements Corps-members Hear NAACP Director

Sixty Corpsmembers from Earle C. Clements (Ky.) JCC traveled to Owensboro, Ky., to meet with NAACP Executive Director Benjamin Hooks.

The Clements group, which included members of the Student Government, Satellite Student Council, and Security Cadets Drill Team, also attended a mass meeting of the NAACP Region III convention. There, the Cadets presented the colors and performed a drilling routine that impressed the crowd of 1,000 delegates from a seven-State area.

Shown in the photo at left, swaying to the music of "We Shall Overcome," are (front row, from left) Willie Blue, Phyllis Livingston, Pernell Johnson, and Pamela Nelson and (second row) Shirley Wilson, Student Government coordinator Willie Granderson, Cheryl Duncan, and Johnnie White.

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Spring Brings Recruiters to Jacksonville

Spring was abloom with the sweet smell of success at the Jacksonville (Fla.) JCC, where Corpsmembers from Jacksonville, Gainesville (Fla.) JCC, and Brunswick (Ga.) JCC heard presentations from three advanced training recruiters.

Steven Gould described the Training and Technology Program (TAT), located at Oak Ridge, Tenn. (see page 8). This program gives advanced training in welding, physical testing, pipefitting, and drafting. Jacksonville Corpsmembers Steve Haskins, Beecher Shackleford, Jeff Reed, and Aaron Dixon were quick to seize the opportunity and are now on the road to success via TAT.

An Industrial Work Experience Program was also presented by the FAILS Management Institute. Work habits, budgeting, setting up housekeeping, and how to get and keep a job were discussed by Dr. Ralph James and Darlene VanLann.

As the grand finale of the program, all Corpsmembers were given Texas Instrument calculators, divided into teams, and given problems on estimating prices of construction projects.

Corpsmembers Barry Luster and James Taylor were offered jobs as construction electrician helpers and are now seeking their fortunes in the Lone Star State.

Eddie Nabors from the Memphis State University Nuclear Studies Program administered qualifying tests to the Corpsmembers. Students selected for this program will be trained to be reactor operators, radiation technicians, or instrument and control technicians.

Success-seeking corpsmembers from all three centers are pictured in the photo collage, which was put together by Jacksonville staff member Nina Waters.

"All You Can Eat" Inspires Winners At Crystal Springs

Can't you just hear the voice in the darkness saying, "If they'd just hold a hamburger-eating contest, I'd win hands down." "Yeah," comes a faint echo.

Well, the late-night-hungry-blues came true in Crystal Springs, Miss., home of the Crystal Springs JCC. The town Optimist Club held the contest, and the Corpsmembers walked away with two first prizes for the men's and women's divisions.

Make that "waddled away," and you'll be closer to the truth. How else to describe the consumption of five or six hamburgers in 10 minutes?

Sharon Judson (at right) and Kelcy Fox (center) did that, and won wrist watches for their efforts. Also shown are (at left) Susan Brown, Director Hugh Webb, and Optimist President Al Reid (standing between the two winners).

Business Is Booming At the Hilltop Cafe

Cassadaga (N.Y.) JCC Corpsmembers now have their very own "fast food" snack bar where they can buy hamburgers, sandwiches, and other treats.

Called the "Hilltop Cafe," the newly opened snack bar is decorated like an outdoor restaurant, complete with an umbrella awning and grass-colored, indoor-outdoor carpeting.

The cafe is run by the Student Government. It is open seven evenings a week. In the words of one student volunteer, "It does a booming business!"

In the photo at left, Corpsmembers (from left) Ken Bryan, Natalie Bowser, Sharon Cartwright, Rennard Sabb, Wendy Wardrick, Barbara Bentley, and Javier Davila enjoy a snack in the Hilltop Cafe.

PEOPLE

Pine Knot Corpsmen Score High

A 100-percent score is perfection, no matter what the test is. Pine Knot (Ky.) JCC Corpsman Clinton Wiggins (right) can consider himself the perfect driver. He earned a perfect score on the driving portion of the State driving test.

Michael Sing (left) scored 98 percent on the same test, which is close to perfection. Upon receiving his license, Sing promptly signed the back of it, authorizing the donation of organs.

Said Sing, "Both my parents are blind, so I feel quite gifted to have two good eyes."

Congratulating the two almost-perfect drivers is their instructor, Thomas Welchel, center.

Excellence Honored at Gary

The Gary (Tex.) JCC held its first Avocation and Leadership Awards Banquet to honor student achievers.

Competing with the awards for attention was the food provided by Gary's cooking classes and the music provided by the music department.

An oil painting by Arthur Thomas, "Child," shown at right, won the best-of-show award. First place went to Kevin Mitchell for a pencil drawing, with Monica Garcia winning second place for a rug.

The student government award was presented to Curtis Davis, and Darryl Matthews received the Gary Jaycees award.

Awards were also presented to Romeo Tolentino, Kerry Rainey, Charna McCoy, Roland Norton, Valerie Gilford, Ernest Phifer, Darrel Thomas, Jesus Rodriguez, and Charles Hull.

Pros Visit Cincinnati

Ron Bolton, Hanford Dixon, Judson Flint, Larry Friday, and Robert Jackson of the Cleveland Browns and pro basketball player Vonnie Tomich paid a 2-day visit to the Cincinnati (Ohio) JCC.

Corpsmember "all-star" teams competed against the athletes in basketball games, and highlight films of the Cleveland Browns' "greatest hits" were shown. The pros also visited classrooms to sign autographs and talk to students.

Pictured above are (from left) staff member Michelle Burns, Hanford Dixon, Jennifer House, and Ron Bolton.

Westover Hosts NFL Players' Association

A little game of volleyball in the gym has an added punch when your team mates and opponents are former pro football, basketball, and soccer players.

Westover (Mass.) JCC Corpsmembers and staff greeted former New England Patriots Don Westbrook, Stanley Morgan, and Rod Shoate; Detroit Lion James Harrell; Buffalo Stallion goalie Pete Mannos; and basketball pros Lloyd Mays and Sheila Patterson.

Then the Corpsmembers suggested a little game in the gym—following a press conference and social hour—just to see how well they stack up against the pros.

Mendez Makes Good at San Jose

There is an office assistant at Stanford University in Palo Alto, Calif., who says San Jose (Calif.) JCC did it for her. Carol Mendez, shown above, also says that her infant son, Jeffrey, was her inspiration. "I wanted to make a better life for us," she explains.

As a nonresident student, she was able to receive all the benefits and training of Job Corps plus on-site child care, while living at home.

Mendez earned her GED within 6 months and completed both office skills and computer assisted accounting training. She was also selected as San Jose's outstanding nonresidential Corpsmember.

Mendez' future plans include more classes in accounting, but her main priority now is to do her new job as well as possible.

SPORTS

Cassadaga's Knights Are Big Winners

The Knights—Cassadaga (N.Y.) JCC's basketball team—brought home the trophy in a championship series against the Iroquois (N.Y.) JCC.

Cassadaga won five and lost one to the Medina, N.Y., team in the six-game series. The Knights lost the first game against Iroquois 63-54 but came back strong to take the next five. Team members received individual trophies at the sports awards assembly.

Members of the Knights pose with their trophy in the photo above. Kneeling (from left) are Lonnie Faulk, Donald Sapp, Ronald Robinson, and John Fountain. Standing are team manager Javier Davila, Robert Jones, Darryl Starkes, Robert Steffans, Rod Cooper, Sam Beatty, and team coach Sam Lucarella.

Clements Boxers Are Runners-Up

With just a short time to prepare, Earle C. Clements (Ky.) JCC boxers (from left) Hugh Reid, Kenneth Everhart, and Early Brady took runner-up honors in their respective divisions of the 1982 Kentucky Golden Gloves.

Coach Clarence Adams took an 11-man team to Louisville, including Johnny Hamilton, Richard Tomas, Waldon Newton, David L. Conner, Fulton Smith, Ronald Dowdy, and Robert Dixon.

Going South, Joliet Style

By Craig Tuntland, Joliet staff member

Southern hospitality is alive and well. Just ask the Joliet (Ill.) JCC Corpsmembers who got the chance to tour down in Dixie.

It all started when the Crystal Springs (Miss.) JCC invited Joliet's Spartans and Lady Spartans basketball teams to play the Shepherds and Lady Shepherds. The Joliet teams, cheerleaders, and student government reps hopped on a bus going south and arrived at 4 a.m., 14 hours later.

It was then that they got their first helping of southern hospitality—beds, ready and waiting. The next day, they were welcomed by warm Mississippi sunshine. For the northerners, it was greeting, meeting, and eating in the friendly atmosphere of the Mississippi Center.

Even southern hospitality has to end somewhere, and that day it ended on the basketball court. The Lady Shepherds had "vowed revenge" on their former coach, who is now the Spartan coach. They took it out on her new team and beat the Lady Spartans handily.

The men's game was a slightly different story. In a well matched battle, the Shepherds hit the first bucket but then trailed Joliet all the way into the fourth quarter of play. During the final few seconds, the lead seesawed, with Mississippi taking the final score to the game at the buzzer for a 58-57 victory.

All rivalry was quickly forgotten after the games, as the Corpsmembers gave up basketball in favor of disco dancing and more good times.

The following day, Joliet Corpsmembers headed still further south for the sunny beaches along the Gulf of Mexico and a quick visit to the Gulfport (Miss.) JCC.

Then a big surprise—the return trip included a detour to New Orleans and Mardi Gras. Lucky Joliet students got to see the city's beautiful French Quarter, brightly costumed revelers, and colorful floats.

The group left for the cold northland of Illinois with a warm realization of what southern hospitality means.

In the photo above left, Joliet's travelers pose under the palm trees in Gulfport. Above right, Joliet's Lady Spartans show that good sportsmanship counts, win or lose. Below, the student government members of Joliet and Crystal Springs pose after a discussion session.

SPORTS

Cass Students and Staff Switch Roles

Cass (Ark.) JCC Corpsmembers found themselves in charge for a day (and a night) when they switched roles with staff.

Robin Bailey, counselor for just one day, said, "I would never want this job because of the large piles of paper and records that have to be kept up." He summed up a lot of feelings, with the observation, "As a Corpsmember, I thought the staff had it easy. Now I know better."

Corpsmembers were responsible for dormitory management and inspection, center security, and discipline. Corpsmember Michael Vickery, who was responsible for night security, said, "I didn't mind it at all, but I wouldn't want it full time—from midnight to 8:30 a.m. is rough."

Dynamic Duo Scores in Powerlifting

By Franklin J. Kourt
Oneonta
staff member

A couple of "little guys" from the Oneonta (N.Y.) JCC have been proving they can do big things in New York State weightlifting competitions.

Two members of the Viking Powerlifters weightlifting team—Jon Merrill at 123 pounds and Dwayne Gunther at 114 pounds—have placed consistently in powerlifting competitions across the State.

Their only problem is finding space for their trophies. The dynamic duo took second place for their weight classes in the Utica open powerlifting championship, the Schenectady powerlifting championship, and the Gloversville championship.

To top it off, at the New York State powerlifting championship held in Albany, Dwayne took second place in the 114-pound class, and Jon placed fourth in the 123-pound class.

Both young men scored personal bests during the statewide competition. Jon beat his own record for bench press by lifting 176 pounds. Dwayne set new personal records in all three events—120 pounds in the bench press, 205 pounds in the squat, and 303 pounds in the dead lift.

In the photo above, Viking Powerlifter Larry Harlowe congratulates big winners Dwayne Gunther (left) and Jon Merrill.

Atlanta Takes Southeastern Conference

It doesn't matter if it's volleyball or basketball, the Atlanta (Ga.) JCC Corpswomen have got what it takes. The teams traveled to the Lyndon B. Johnson (N.C.) JCC to take two first places in the Southeastern Job Corps Athletic Conferences. It was the first volleyball and the third basketball championship.

Eight Centers vied for the volleyball spotlight, including Atterbury, Bamberg, Batesville, Crystal Springs, LBJ, Turner, and Whitney M. Young. The strong Atlanta squad fought out of the loser's bracket to take first in the double-elimination tournament. Crystal Springs (Miss.) JCC finished second, and Whitney M. Young (Ky.) JCC took third.

Nine Centers participated in the basketball championship tournament, including Gulfport as well as those mentioned above.

It was the second year in a row that Atlanta took the first-place trophy. Second place went to the Bamberg (S.C.) JCC, with third going to Crystal Springs.

Barbara Hill of Atlanta received the tournament's most valuable player trophy. The all-tournament teams included (above center, from left) J. Brown (LBJ), K. Smith and P. Holloway (Bamberg), G. White (Batesville), M. Shelton (Turner), B. Sutton (Gulfport), D. Williams and R. Woodford (Atlanta), and M. Shaw (Atterbury).

Shown above left is the Atlanta basketball team, with the volleyball team above right.

FROM YOU

Compounding the Puzzlement

In this puzzle, another Sharyn Duffin brain teaser, you are given three words that have one word in common. The word in common attaches to either the beginning or the end of the three words to form a compound. For example, the words fly, apple, and cup have one word in common—"butter"—as in butterfly, applebutter, and buttercup.

This is deceptively simple, so a list of hints is supplied to keep you from climbing the walls: paper, way, room, ring, water, horse, work, wheel, fire, light, stone, grass, ship, and house. The rest is up to you, but the answers are on page 16.

ware, coat, hold
steam, friend, wreck
blue, hopper, crab
bench, home, needle
shoe, saw, fly
ear, leader, worm
high, lay, side

flash, weight, house
corner, wall, grave
chair, pin, barrel
place, house, camp
mate, class, mush
proof, front, fall
news, wall, sand

Mother Nature and Me

I walk in the woods just to get away.
When walking, my mind remembers all the happenings of the day.
There are many things that trouble me on this hill each day.
As I walk deeper into the woods, I stop to look at what mother nature has done.
When I stop, my thoughts turn to her and my troubled mind seems to run away.
My walk in the woods helps me to make it up hill.
As you see, I walk in the woods in my hours of need.
When you have a troubled mind, I hope you will find a place something like mine.
Then you can make it when you are in troubled times.

R. Bates
Golconda (Ill.) JCC

What It Means To Be Free in the Mind

Some blacks and whites
Always argue the fact that
They don't like each other
Because of race—
Which is a shame,
No matter what the race may be.
The gift of peace can set you free.

Wayne Robinson
Woodstock (Md.) JCC

Poems from Portland —

Steven Spivak, Portland (Oreg.) JCC instructor, sent the following poems from the Center's creative writing class. He entitles their work the last "creative gasp," before the Center moved from its downtown location.

There Is Only You

Why do you want me to forget?
There is only you in my whole life.
And there is only you in my dreams every night.
I was so upset when you left.
Why don't you want to make me happy?
I learned how to laugh and I learned how to cry.
But you learned how to love and you learned how to lie.
Oh, honey, how can you do that to me?

Swan Nachampassak
(Laos)

Traditional Poem

Roses are red, violets are blue,
Girl, oh girl, do I want you.
Roses are red, violets are blue,
My dog is here, but where are you?

Toeuy Chhay
(Cambodia)

The Wish

If I am a bird, I will be a white pigeon.
If I am a cloud, I will be a warm cloud.
If I am a flower, I will be a sunflower.
If I am the people, I will die for my country.

Than-Ho
(Vietnam)

BEST
IROQUOIS

Iroquois JCC

Being at Iroquois (N.Y.) JCC is like going through a blender—because of all the rules. You see, all the rules you have to go through can really make you blue—if you let them go to your head. And sometimes the people here can make you mad. But I'm really very glad that I am here, and I'm all right.

And for the new members and not so new, some free advice to you: Do your best and give it all you've got. I've found there's nothing I can't do, and that's why I'm going to be up on top. Because, you see, if I live to be 103, Job Corps will always be the number-one place for me.

Potrece Roberts
Iroquois (N.Y.) JCC

Weather Wise

I've always been the lucky one.
Some wake with warm sunshine.
I get perpetual precipitation.
Others have clear skies.
I'm overcast through Friday.
My friends have pleasant and bright forecasts.
Mine is more of the same
With scattered showers this evening.

Theodis A. Austin III

What I Felt

A new guy came
The other day.
I looked at him
And he looked at me.
I knew he was sweet,
He thought I was nice.
I wondered all night
About what I felt
In my heart for him.

Cylene Lee Leonard

My Cat

Soft and furry,
In a hurry,
Sticker scampers by.
Perceptive,
Expressive,
A silly little guy.

April Bollweg

Yesterday Is Gone

Some people today have this problem:
To live a life of yesterday—
Never looking ahead,
But always living for yesterday.
Why can't you learn to let yesterday stay in the past?
Why base your tomorrow off of something that brings hurt and sorrow?
If you live your life for yesterday,
Today will always be distances away.

Carlos A. Buffin
Timber Lake (Oreg.) JCC

I Am Somebody

Just because the color of my skin is black,
Don't mark me off as dumb.
I can accomplish anything I put my mind to.
Just because my house is ragged,
Don't low-grade me.
Because I'm on welfare
Doesn't mean you are any better than me.
You see, God created me the same as you.
So you see, I am somebody.

Tracy Williams
Bamberg (S.C.) JCC

FROM YOU

Cool Ex-Fool

Ricky: We love cool,
But we hate school.
We drop out,
We look like fools.
Walter: We walk the street,
Looking sweet.
But when we feel beat,
We're not so cool.
So back to school
So you won't be a future fool.
Take it from a fool
And love school.
Ricky: Fun, fun all the time
Was all that was ever on our mind.
Drinking wine, wasting time,
Ruining a talented mind.
Walter: So take your books
And follow me to the reader's nook.
Become a sponge; take the plunge
Into the well of deeper knowledge.
Ricky: Pretty soon, no welfare,
Then what will you do?
What you make and what you have,
Is strictly up to you.
Walter: If given lemons,
Make lemonade.
If given a chance, take it.
Job Corps is where it's at.

Ricky (Mr. Pisces) Reed and
Walter (Mr. Scorpio) Smith
Oconaluftee (N.C.) JCC

Friends Again

If you should see me
on the road again,
Just remember—
you have a friend.
It's too bad
when love fades away
The love we had
could never stay.
But the time I spent
with you, my love,
Felt like a gift
sent from above.
When next you see me,
look into my eyes;
Love will be gone,
my heart still cries.
So, when I see you,
I'll say again,
I still love you
but as a friend.

Linus St. Claire and Marcy Gilbert
Clearfield (Utah) JCC

Job Corps

Golconda is the best of them all;
The people are nice, from winter to fall.
It's a place to live and learn;
If you've got the guts, come on—give it a turn.
An education is what is needed today;
If you don't believe me, just go ahead and try it the hard way.
A GED is a good thing to have;
Exchange it and become a high school grad.
On-the-job training is a good thing to have;
Job Corps has it, but it's up to you to grab.
Someone is finally giving us teens a break;
Come on and try it for your own sake.

Brian Lee Scbinska
Golconda (Ill.) JCC

To You, Friend

In my hour of need,
I searched for a friend,
And in that time of sorrow,
I reached for you.
You saw the hurt in my eyes;
You heard the tears in my voice;
And now I want to thank you,
Because you tried your best to melt away
The pieces of my broken heart
To bring laughter where laughter was not.
And I must say,
You restored the happiness of my life,
And I know,
It was because you cared and understood.

Detroit Gray
Treasure Island (Calif.) JCC
(NMU Advanced Training Program)

No Stars Are Out

The ground is white, the sky is blue;
There's no star shining for me and you.
The moon is shining, oh, so new
About the world where love is true.
The snow has stopped, the air is cold,
but still your love I have to hold.
The snow must fall upon the ground
And leave my mark when I look down.
When the stars come out at night,
I know that God has made them light.
I know that I belong with you
And our love will shine, too.

Steve Mills
Oneonta (N.Y.) JCC

Just Kiddin' Around at Delaware Valley

Millie (Nikki) Frazier and John (Mr. Nice) Rague of the Delaware Valley (N.Y.) JCC sent the following pair of poems to let the world know about DVJCC gals and guys.

Job Corps Guys

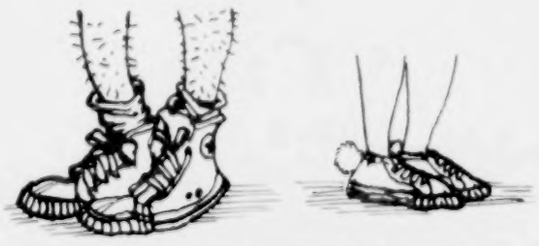
Job Corps guys are one of a kind.
Some are sweet, some are nice, some are out of their minds.
They'll tease you, they'll play with you, they'll say, "What the heck."
But get down to business—you've got them in check.
There's Americans, Vietnamese, and Laotians up here,
But there is not one who is not dear.
Now, if you want, I could name a few, but that wouldn't be right because there's a whole crew.
There's brownskins, lightskins, and darkskins, too,
But we're all the same—that's nothing new.
There's sports in their lives, like pool and basketball.
But let me tell you, that's not all.
They all consider themselves to be number-one.
But each and every one is a lot of fun.
To sum it up on Job Corps guys—not all of them are full of jive.
Come up here, I'm sure you can tell.

Millie (Nikki) Frazier

Job Corps Gals

Job Corps girls are one of a kind.
Just one thing—they're out of their minds.
Some are sweet and some are sour,
You'll meet a new one every hour.
There is Lightskin, Maria, and Janelyn.
There is Alice, Robyn, and Marilyn.
There is Bang-Bang, Peggy, and Maryanne, too.
But I can't forget Doris and her crew.
Some are short and some are tall,
Just wait until you get to know them all.
They talk and laugh and play with you,
You won't believe the things they do.
So, when you think you've met the best,
Just come up here and meet the rest.
So now you've heard about Job Corps girls,
I think I'll tell the rest of the world.

John (Mr. Nice) Rague



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How I See Myself

I see myself as a person who cares;
With a little love I want to share.
Not wanting to be mistreated
Or always on the last row when it's time to be seated.
Not always good, not always bad,
Not always happy, not always sad.
I see myself trying to do the things I can,
Always ready to lend a helping hand;
A little ugly, not so beautiful,
But I can be very useful;
Always ready to take my stand,
For or against my fellow man.
I see myself wanting badly to make the best of life,
Lay aside the fighting to cope with my struggles and strife.
I see myself one day standing proud as well as tall,
Crying tears of joy, saying:
"I fooled you all."
That's how I see myself.

Schenia Manuel
Little Rock (Ark.) JCC

A Dream

I stand alone like a single tree;
I stand this way so people can see me.
I want you to know my troubles hang around;
But if I hang in there, I can fight them down.
I sit alone by a running stream,
And I slip off away into a dream.
When I am in my dream, I think
Of a pretty lady sitting by my side;
Then I feel her love for me,
And I hold my head high with pride.
As a friend passes and I awaken,
And out of my dream I am taken,
The thoughts I had were so pretty, it seems,
But then I remember it was only a dream.

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May 22-June 21

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And if you're really steamed, you can add: "Besides, being a Gemini is no excuse for rude behavior because Geminis basically care for people's feelings. You're not a real Gemini."

After that little exercise in telling off a friend, you may wonder why anyone bothers being friends with a Gemini. It's a fact that in many cases their double sets of characteristics seem to double their trouble rather than double their fun.

But once Gemini gets sorted out, there's double the pleasure in knowing one. Geminis are *twice* as creative, *twice* as generous, *twice* as appreciative, and *twice* as nice.

And *two* pains in the neck when they want to be.

The only real problem with a Gemini lies in that phrase: "sorted out." When they get their acts together, there's no stopping them. Geminis are super achievers. Some just take a little longer to get going in a straight line toward some goal. Some even take a lifetime.

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The heart has many doors, of which friendship is but one. Don't be too quick to bolt them.

Yvonne Kramlich
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